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CAIRO STUDENTS BATTLE POLICE

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
University students battled police yesterday during a street demonstration protesting the government crackdown on dissent in the universities.
Police used tear gas and batons to disperse the students blocking the central square near Cairo University. Other students fought with police, who led several batons into the throngs of youths. At last night, there had been reports on the number of students injured in the clashes.
Students distributed leaflets calling an end to political suppression and the release of over 100 students arrested during January disturbances at Egyptian universities. They also asked that those arrested from the universities be released.
Students who have been protesting from putting up wall newspapers, adopted a unique new style of protest — carrying their newspapers to their clothing. They also carried messages on roadways inside the campus. The students were calling

Sidky: Road to peaceful settlement blocked

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian Premier Anwar Sadat yesterday said that the road to a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis was completely blocked unless the Arabs surrendered to Israel's terms.
In a speech to parliament before he presented Egypt's war budget, Sadat said that Israel's terms for a Middle East settlement "mean surrender and do not accept surrender. We shall not give up one inch of our land or any of our rights."
He said that "the explosive situation" has compelled Egypt to mobilize its economic resources for the next battle with Israel. But the budget he presented was kept secret.
Cairo Radio quoted Sadat as saying that the budget covered the increasing requirements of the armed forces; the national defense; and any situation that may emerge from a future military confrontation.
Sadat's statement was not thought to indicate that Cairo is seriously planning for war. Rather, it was seen as a move to create a state of emergency which would enable President Anwar Sadat to tighten his grip in the face of mounting disunion in Egypt.

Sadat meets chief of Soviet military group

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday conferred with the chief of the Soviet military delegation now in Cairo, the Middle East News Agency reported last night. The report did not name the Soviet officer but it explained the nature of the meeting except to say that it was the first time since the war that the Soviet Generalissimo, Generalissimo, met with the Egyptian President.
Soviet military delegation led in Cairo on February 11 and greeted at the airport only by Soviet ambassador in Cairo, Mr. Vinogradov.
The delegation is the first to visit since President Sadat's visit to Moscow in October. Sadat's visit was the first time since the war that the Soviet Generalissimo, Generalissimo, met with the Egyptian President.
The purpose of Mr. Sadat's meeting was, according to observers in Jerusalem, to secure the continuation of close relations between Egypt and the Soviet Union.
The joint communiqué, issued after Mr. Sadat's visit, spoke of the Soviet Union's understanding of Egyptian positions to the U.S.-proposed partial settlement. Jerusalem observers saw in this an example of the long-standing Soviet policy of giving political support to Egypt's positions.
Some experts in Israel have stressed the absence of any reference to a forthcoming summit between Sadat and Brezhnev — but others saw little significance in this since the communiqué held out prospects for continued contacts between the two states without specifying the level of these contacts.

Cairo wants a Kissinger in Mid-East

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Egypt has recently indicated that it would like Professor Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, to take up the problem of the Middle East after his success in ending the Vietnam war.
Officials in Jerusalem said yesterday that this suggestion had been made by Egyptian diplomats — but had immediately been hedged by the observation that Prof. Kissinger would doubtless be occupied for many months with the aftermath of the Vietnam war.

KISSINGER, HANOI MEN TALK 6 HRS.

SAN CLEMENTE, California (Reuter). — Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger met North Vietnamese Government officials for six hours yesterday for a second round of talks on American postwar relations with North Vietnam, the White House said.
Presidential spokesman Ronald Ziegler said, "The atmosphere of the meetings was cordial."
He said Mr. Kissinger had two meetings yesterday, one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. Both lasted three hours.
The North Vietnamese delegation included Prime Minister Pham Van Dong and Le Duc Tho, who negotiated the Vietnam agreement signed three weeks ago. Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh and his deputy, Nguyen Co Thach, also attended the meetings.
The other American at the talks was William Sullivan, an Assistant Secretary of State and top expert on Far Eastern affairs.
(See earlier stories — page 4)

EUROPE DISCUSSES MONEY REALIGNMENT Main foreign money markets close today

The world's major foreign exchange markets will be closed today as banking experts in capitals across the world decide on moves to curb the currency crisis.
In Basel, Switzerland, Western central bankers met for the monthly meeting of the Bank for International Settlements, but maintained rigorous secrecy about their plans. Informal sources said they were working on details of a multilateral currency realignment.
The British, French, West German, Belgian, Italian and Japanese markets among those that will be shut today to protect them against speculation while their governments tackle the currency crisis. Because of Lincoln's Birthday, a public holiday in the U.S., the New York market will also be closed.
(A Bank of Israel official told The Jerusalem Post last night the Bank will permit Israeli banks to trade in foreign currency today only if rates are available from Europe, that is, if some of the exchanges remain open. This will be known only by 10 a.m. However, trade in dollars and banknotes will not be affected, and tourists and Israelis travelling abroad will be able to exchange funds as usual.)
Informal sources said the Friday meeting in Paris between the French, British and West German finance ministers ended with only a small measure of agreement, although it was apparently decided that if one government closed its foreign exchange market, the other two would follow suit.
After the initial announcements of the closure of European money markets, other countries began to take similar action late last night. Greece and Italy were two of the countries which announced they would close their markets at about midnight Israel time.
But even then, West Germany had not yet officially announced the closure of its foreign exchange market. Dr. Oskar Emminger, vice-president of the West German Federal Bank, said he had been misquoted as having said that the market would be closed today. But he declined to say whether the market would open or not.
Meanwhile, Paul Volcker, U.S. Treasury Under-Secretary for Monetary Affairs, was believed in his discussions in various European capitals over the weekend to have strongly urged a currency realignment. He also mentioned the possibility of a U.S. import surcharge, the sources said.
In Basel, Mr. Volcker's European visit prompted speculation that Washington was pressing for a negotiated dollar devaluation against other currencies.
The meetings Mr. Volcker is holding have been kept under tight wraps. When he met with French Finance Minister Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Mr. Volcker even used a side door to leave the Ministry, a French reporter said. Yesterday, Mr. Volcker flew to Rome, and immediately began talks at the airport with Italian Treasury Minister Giovanni Malagodi. The two then flew back to Paris.
A special adviser to the Japanese Finance Minister was on his way from Tokyo to Bonn yesterday to begin a fact-finding mission on the crisis. The official, Takashi Hozumi, is expected to visit Paris to take part in any meeting which might be called with monetary officials from the U.S., West Germany, Britain and France.
After a long day of discussions, Bonn finally decided last night that the Frankfurt exchange would be closed today, sources said. But they said Bonn was continuing to contact other governments on ways to solve the crisis in which speculators, betting on a mark or a Japanese yen revaluation, have dumped \$10,000,000 on exchanges worldwide in two weeks.
Closing the official market does not prevent commercial banks from trading among themselves in foreign exchange or quoting exchange rates, but relieves the central bank from its obligation to buy dollars to support the U.S. currency at its official floor rate.
The effect of the decision is to let the mark float, allowing it to find its own price against the dollar and other currencies without the central bank intervening.
Financial circles expected the mark would float upwards against the dollar in unofficial bank-to-bank trading today.
The markets will only re-open when the mark and other currencies are given a new fixed rate against the dollar or are officially allowed to float, the sources said.
Elsewhere in Europe there was no decision to close markets for a cooling-off period. Trading centres in Vienna, Stockholm and Madrid will open as usual, financial officials and sources said.
(Reuter, AP, UPI)

RATE OF ISRAEL POUND WON'T CHANGE - SANBAR

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
The dollar exchange rate of the Israel pound will remain unchanged, no matter what happens to other currencies. "Our currency is strong, and no change is needed," Moshe Sanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel, stated over Israel Radio last night.
Sources at the Bank stressed yesterday that capital has been flowing into, and not out of, the country. Foreign exchange reserves are rising, they added.
Agitation in foreign exchange markets is more a speculators' fuss than a real crisis, according to Dov Genachowski, the Bank of Israel's expert on currency problems. A strong imbalance has developed between the dollar on the one hand, of which there is a glut in world markets (owing to trade deficits over a number of years), and the Deutschmark and the yen on the other. These two currencies are in demand because the respective governments have made them scarce, by building up an export surplus. (Last year Japan had a surplus in its balance of payments of \$10,000m., and West Germany close to \$7,000m.)
It is not clear why the rush to get rid of dollars should be taking place precisely now. Rumours of shifts in exchange rates are enough to precipitate a buying-spre, and the effect is cumulative.
Normally it might be expected that the "weak" currency associated with a trade deficit — in this case the dollar — should feel obliged to devalue: except that the dollar is not at all weak in the longer term. President Nixon has brought inflation under effective control. U.S. prices rose by 3.5 per cent last year (less than half the increase in Europe) and are scheduled to rise by only three per cent this year. America's G.N.P. is soaring at the rate of seven per cent annually in real terms; added to which it has just got out of the Vietnam war, which was the chief cause of its financial troubles in the first place.
So experts in Washington view the dollar crisis as a problem of adjustment, resulting as much from Japanese misdeeds (in selling far more than it buys) as from American transgressions. And they will not consider any change in the valuation of their currency, except within the framework of a general international monetary reform.
The U.S. proposal for the next round of currency talks has been that exchange-rates should be linked to the size of foreign currency reserves. If a country's reserves exceed a certain volume, its currency should be taking place precisely now. Rumours of

Adiv admits he passed on information to the enemy

Jerusalem Post Staff
HAIFA. — Ex-Idibbutnik Ehud Adiv, the former paratrooper and leftist who is the main Jewish defendant in the Arab-Jewish Syrian spy ring trial, confessed yesterday morning to passing information likely to aid the enemy on visits to Syria and Greece.
But the handsome former Haifa University philosophy student, appearing in the heavily guarded District Court here with the five other principal defendants at the opening session of their espionage trial, denied charges he had passed the information with intent to harm the State. The six defendants — two Jews and four Arabs — in Israel's biggest spy trial also denied charges they belonged to a Syrian ring bent on overthrowing the government.
The surprise admission, expected to shorten matters when the trial proper gets underway on February 25, came at an opening session which lasted only 22 minutes. The three judges — Emanuel Shonim (presiding), Abraham Friedman and Mrs. Luba Fortuna — registered all six defendants as pleading not guilty. But the lawyers for three — alleged ring-leader David Turid, 45, Arab student leader Simon Haddad, 34, and the second Jewish defendant, 28-year-old mathematics teacher Dan Vered — indicated that the not-guilty pleas were only technical and that their clients would admit to certain acts later in the trial.
Defendant Anis Karawi, 23, admitted through his attorney to some minor details in the indictment. Subhi Na'arani denied all the facts and charges.
The defence lawyers indicated that they were bargaining to get their clients off with relatively light sentences by avoiding the main charge of "espionage and sabotage with an intent to overthrow the government," which can bring life imprisonment or even death.
Attorney Israel Inbar, whose client Simon Haddad had until his arrest been in charge of Arab student affairs at Haifa University, told the court: "I'm now negotiating on various levels and may enter a plea admitting some of the counts on February 25."
As the six defendants looked on impassively, Adiv's lawyer, Itamar Cohen, submitted a written deposition admitting that his 28-year-old client had visited Syria twice, in 1971 and 1972, met alleged Syrian master spy Ehab Kahwaji in Greece and passed on to him secret information.
"During his stay in Greece with Kahwaji (an ex-Haifa who left Israel in 1968 after serving time for espionage), and subsequently in Syria... the defendant knowingly gave him information likely to be of use to the enemy," Adiv's deposition said.
Adiv in his three-page statement admitted he had spent a total of 10 days in Syria, received training there, surrendered his Israeli documents and written a 15-page paper on Israeli political and economic conditions. He said he had passed through Lebanon on his way back from Syria and had been given back his Israeli passport when he returned to Greece.
However, Adiv rejected the part (Continued page 2, col. 2)



Ammunition crates, left, and box of handgrenades, with instructions in Russian, in bathroom of the Iraqi Embassy in Islamabad on Saturday.

'Iraqis smuggled weapons to rebel forces in Baluchistan'

ISLAMABAD (Reuter). — A right-wing politician from the Pakistani province of Baluchistan told President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday that Soviet-made arms seized in the Iraqi Embassy here yesterday were intended for distribution to rebels in the area.
The politician, Ghulam Qadir, a member of the Baluchistan Provincial Assembly, told a press conference some arms had already been distributed in Baluchistan with the connivance of the provincial government.
Baluchistan is the huge, sparsely populated province on Pakistan's western border with Iran, where Pakistani army units are operating against armed dissident tribesmen.
Mr. Qadir further charged that the Baluchistan government was training about 12,000 guerrillas under the name of Deha Muhads (Protectors of Villages) on the pattern of the Bangladesh Mukti Bahini.
Mr. Qadir who called on Mr. Bhutto in nearby Rawalpindi yesterday, is a member of the right-wing Moslem League which opposes the Baluchistan administration and supports President Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in the central government.
He added that leaders of the pro-Moscow National Awami Party which opposes the P.P.P. but runs the local administrations in Baluchistan and the North-West Frontier.

Hussein sees U.S. taking initiative

BHINGTON (Reuter). — King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday speed there would be a move to a peace settlement in the East soon and predicted that U.S. would take an initiative.
He indicated that Israel would show willingness to come before any framework could be established for peace talks with Arabs.
King, who has had talks with President Nixon and other U.S. officials on a visit to Washington, was asked in a television interview (C.B.S. "Face the Nation") expected "immediate" moves.
He replied that the U.S. "will a bit of time to analyze the one of the various parties involved in the area, and then decide what should be done next" in cooperation with other powers or in any other way."
(No new ideas — Page 5)

Local postal rates up today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The new domestic postal rates — approved two weeks ago by the Knesset Finance Committee — become effective today.
A postal card, until now costing 12 agorot, is now 15; a letter of up to 30 grams is now 20 agorot, up from 18; and printed matter now costs 18 agorot for the first 50 grams, instead of 15.
New international postal rates will go into effect on March 1.

Seven boys confess to school arson

PARIS (UPI). — Seven teenagers confessed they set fire to a junior high school, where 22 pupils and a teacher perished in the flames last week, police sources revealed yesterday.
One of the boys, under 15, said he sought revenge against teachers who punished him several times, police said.
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ARAFAT SEES ASSAD

DAMASCUS (UPI). — President Hafez Assad conferred for two hours yesterday with Patah chief Yasser Arafat.

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THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	22-28	1-3	1-3
Tel Aviv	24-30	1-3	1-3
Nahariya	20-26	1-3	1-3
Safed	18-24	1-3	1-3
Haifa Port	20-26	1-3	1-3
Thubra	20-26	1-3	1-3
Nazareth	20-26	1-3	1-3
Afula	20-26	1-3	1-3
Shimon	20-26	1-3	1-3
Tel Aviv	24-30	1-3	1-3
Lod Airport	24-30	1-3	1-3
Jericho	20-26	1-3	1-3
Gaza	20-26	1-3	1-3
Beersheva	20-26	1-3	1-3
Dimona	20-26	1-3	1-3
Tiran Straits	20-26	1-3	1-3

Jerusalem's Rubin Academy of Music

will celebrate its 25th anniversary tonight at the Jerusalem Theatre with Prime Minister Golda Meir in attendance.

The Turkish Consul-General in Jerusalem and Mrs. Behr Kissasbay gave a farewell reception at their home in Tel Aviv Saturday evening for the U.S. Consul and Mrs. John Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is leaving at the end of this week for Qatar where he has been appointed Charge d'Affaires.

Among the guests were members of the Consular Corps in Jerusalem, senior Foreign Ministry officials, and Mr. Amir Shaleh and Mr. Fouad Shaleh of Ramallah.

Mr. and Mrs. Yehoshua Tur gave a reception at their home in Jerusalem Saturday night for Mrs. Rose Khatib, national president of the American Jewish Community, and other American leaders who are attending the meetings of the Jewish Agency Assembly and the Zionist General Council.

Mr. Rudolf Knechtel, a Tel Aviv-based German journalist, received 70th birthday greetings on Friday from West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, Mr. Knechtel, who spent 22 years in Nazi concentration camps, was postwar editor of the Hamburg daily "Die Welt". He has covered Israel for many years for the German press and radio and has settled permanently in Tel Aviv.

An exhibition on Sigmund Freud's life and work, arranged by the Goethe Institute, Munich, will open at the Central Library of Tel Aviv University this morning at 11:00 a.m.

A meeting of Basil Brith's English-speaking Paula Ben-Gurion and Prof. A. Kassar Lodge will be held at 8:30 p.m. this evening at the Basil Brith Building, 10 Rehov Kaplan, Tel Aviv.

ARRIVALS

Lord Janor of Leicester, President of the British Zionist Federation, to participate in the meetings of the Zionist General Council.

Rabbis unite 'against Goren'

Some 200 rabbis and dayanim (religious court judges) have founded an organization of rabbis (Agudat Rabbanim) which is to protect the independence of the rabbinate from external pressures. The founding meeting was held in Tel Aviv last Thursday and was attended by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and the Supreme Rabbinical Court, as well as by rabbis and dayanim from all over the country.

Although the name of Chief Rabbi Goren and current disputes surrounding him were carefully avoided by all speakers at the founding session, observers said the new organization had apparently come into being as a result of rabbi objections to Rabbi Goren's actions.

One of the articles of association of the new organization reads: "This assembly protests against the false accusations leveled at rabbis and dayanim that they lay down halachic law with cruelty and hard-heartedness." Another article expressed solidarity with the principals of the country's yeshivot (who have come under attack from Rabbi Goren recently).

Memorandum Rabbi Goren said a "conversion alliance" opened by the Rabbanim and the Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv last year is currently preparing 40 new immigrants for conversion to Judaism. He was speaking to high schoolers in Kiryat Motzkin yesterday.

Rate won't change

(Continued from page 1) must automatically be up-valued; if they fall below a certain level, the currency has automatically to be down-valued.

Under such an arrangement the dollar might be pushed down a peg or two (depending on how reserves are calculated) and the two scarce currencies might simultaneously be pushed up a peg or two — with no hard feelings. Under the present situation, each side feels strong and refuses to act, expending the other side to do the adjusting.

Not surprisingly, outside countries are not greatly affected. Talk of devaluing the pound sterling only refers to raising down its present floating rate as a fixed parity. If there should be any movement in exchange rates, it can only be one that makes the mark and the yen more expensive in dollar terms. As the Israeli pound signs with the dollar, Israel's balance of trade must benefit (since exports would become more profitable and imports costlier). But such changes are not on the cards right now, Mr. Genachowski thinks.

More likely are administrative measures to control currency movements. Japan has adopted a deficit budget for the coming year in order to swell consumption and cause a

Passed information — Adiv

(Continued from page 1) of the indictment charging that he had given the Syrians information on Israeli weapons, commanders, airfields, radar stations, troop deployments and reconnaissance operations.

Adiv admitted having "political discussions" with Turid, the Haifa bookshop owner accused of organizing the ring in Israel in 1968. During the discussions, connected with Turki's "political organization" (which the prosecution accuses of conspiring to overthrow the Government), Turki proposed that Adiv go to Greece to meet "a man with similar left-wing political opinions." Adiv later flew to Greece and then Syria, where he met Habib Kahwaji, the ring's alleged chief.

Adiv also admitted knowing that Kahwaji had been a member of a terrorist organization.

Turid, handcuffed to another of the suspects, sat smiling on the defendants' black bench as his lawyer said he expected to admit "some of the facts" in the charges when the trial resumed on February 25. Attorney Y. Hagler said he was unable to do so yesterday "for purely technical reasons," because he needed "at least ten hours" to discuss the material with his client and had received permission only last week.

Dan Vered's attorney told the court that Vered had prepared 20 pages of written instructions for him in Ramle prison but that these had been confiscated by the warden. He called the confiscation a violation of his right of communication and asked the court to order the material handed over to him. Meanwhile, he said, he was unable to enter a plea until the next session. Judge Shalom entered this as a denial of the charges.

Anis Karawi admitted through his lawyer to attending a meeting of the extreme left Matpen group as charged and to meeting defendant Subhi Na'arani on various occasions, but rejected all the other charges. Na'arani rejected all counts in the indictment.

Following the pleas, Judge Shalom announced that the trial hearings would be held three days a

week, mornings and afternoons if necessary, in order to complete the case. "This is not the kind of case that should be dragged out," he declared.

Yesterday's hearing, which was to have been devoted to the reading of the indictments and the pleas, was shortened to only 22 minutes after the attorneys all waived their clients' right to the indictment read in court. A large crowd had gathered outside the fenced-off court house, guarded by police, civil defence men and security agents, from early in the morning. The defendants arrived at the court house at 8:30 and were taken into the courtroom via a back entrance and a special passage cleared through the court archives room, handcuffed in pairs and escorted by armed constables and plainclothes men. The escort was in constant two-way radio contact with headquarters.

The six men, looking neat, clean-shaven and with fresh hair cuts, had their handcuffs removed when they were seated in the prisoners' dock. They appeared much less at ease than during their first appearance in court last month when they were brought to have their remand extended until the completion of the trial. Last month's smiles and grimaces to the cameras were absent yesterday morning. The courtroom was only half full, with only newsmen and relatives with special passes attending. Israeli, American and European TV cameras mounted on a raised platform covered the proceedings, which were also recorded by Israel Broadcasting and relayed over closed-circuit TV to a nearby hall where more newsmen and local and foreign relatives of the defendants followed the session.

Before the trial started an anonymous telephone caller threatened to blow up the court house. The threat, which was not taken very seriously, turned out to be a false alarm.

The defendants held last minute consultations with their lawyers during the 15 minutes before the judges entered at 8:47 a.m., with Adiv confirming his admissions. The defence attorneys had been negotiating with the District Attorney's office right up to the start of the session.

'New cell' in Golan spy ring

TIBERIAS. — Three Druse villagers from Ma'ada, in the northern Golan Heights, were arrested by security forces Saturday night on suspicion of belonging to yet another cell in the pro-Syrian spy ring.

This brings to more than 30 the number of suspects arrested. The others were arrested in Majdal Shams and Buk'ata.

The suspects, police claim, passed highly secret information to Syrian intelligence. This includes details of army camps and outposts in the Golan, complete with descriptions of the strength of buildings and the numbers of troops.

Rosh Ha'ayin parents win school fight

ROSH HA'AYIN. — The parents committee of the Rogosin comprehensive religious school began a hunger strike at the Western Wall yesterday — but ended it upon being promised the Education Ministry will respond to their demands. Arner Yisraeli, special assistant to the Education Minister, promised he will personally come out here next week to see to it that construction of the school's second wing, adding 16 classrooms, begins immediately.

The parents of the schools 700 pupils have kept their children home for the past week, protesting the failure of their local council and the Education Ministry, for the past four years, to build the additional wing. More than a third of the pupils, they said, were being taught in sheds and shelters, and had no gymnasium, cafeteria or laboratories. (Itim)

Dayan, B-G to attend State List convention

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Dayan and David Ben-Gurion will attend the opening session of the national convention of the State List party, slated for next Tuesday in Jerusalem — Zalman Shoval, M.K., told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Mr. Ben-Gurion headed the State List Knesset list in the 1969 elections, but retired shortly afterwards. The party was formed by the minority in ex-Rafi who declined to follow Mr. Dayan into the Labour Party.

'First payment' today in Leyland Ashdod purchase

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Elkon-Kremersman group, which entered its bid to buy the Leyland Ashdod assembly plant for IL12m. last October, will sign the purchase agreement today — the final day of their option.

David Kremersman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night there were still "one or two minor points to clarify," but he emphasized his group "will make the first payment today."

The plant, one of the automobile assembly plants of the bankrupt Autocars complex, was offered for sale by the Tel Aviv District Court. Elkon Brothers are the Israeli representatives of Mack Trucks, and have signed an agreement with Mack to assemble medium-size trucks here.

It had been rumoured that the Elkon-Kremersman group intended to renege on its bid because of the Government's decision to allow the assembly of Ford trucks here, and because of the permission granted to the Egged and Dan cooperatives to import 100 buses from abroad.

Mr. Kremersman, however, denied these rumours. The Ford plant, he told *The Post*, will be assembling lighter trucks than the Leyland and Mack trucks to be assembled at Ashdod. He did express regret, however, about the bus imports. Leyland buses, he said, are as good as the ones being imported, and cost less. The passengers will eventually have to pay for the difference in cost, he charged.

The purchase of the Ashdod plant removes one of the main obstacles to a proposal by Transport Minister Shimon Peres that Ha'argaz, Merkavim and Leyland Ashdod pool their know-how in order to build a new bus, suited specifically to Israel's needs. Officials from Ha'argaz and Merkavim have until now declined to comment on Mr. Peres' proposal — presumably because of uncertainty about Leyland Ashdod's future. Ha'argaz and Merkavim build bus bodies, Leyland builds chassis.)

Tamir threatens Sapir on Autocars

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Free Centre chairman Shmuel Tamir has warned Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir that unless he supplies copies of the Government's agreement with Leyland and the 1969-70 balance sheet of Autocars to the Knesset Economic Committee, he will ask the High Court of Justice to intervene.

Mr. Tamir, in a letter to the Finance Minister copies of which were released to the press yesterday, found "unacceptable" the refusal of Finance Ministry officials to allow Economic Committee chairman Avraham Schechterman and other Committee members to look at the Leyland contract.

Panic buying cause of inflation — Bar-Lev

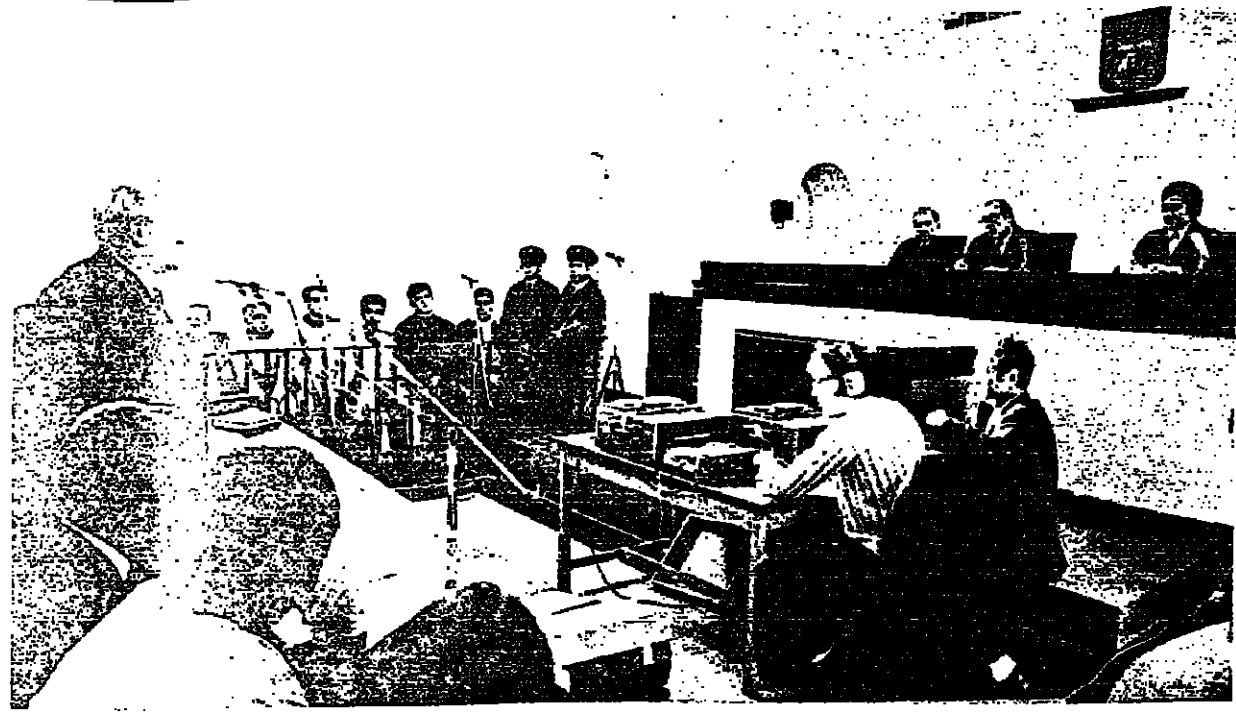
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev said last night that panic buying, stemming from fear of inflation rather than genuine inflationary pressures, was boosting prices beyond justifiable levels.

Speaking to the Labour Party Economic Committee, Mr. Bar-Lev cautioned against taking hasty measures against inflation.

Tourist pioneer Yosef Greiver, dies, 63

TEL AVIV. — Yosef Greiver, a pioneer of Israel's tourist industry, was buried in the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Greiver, who died during the week-end at the age of 63, was founder and head of the Palestine Travel Agency, which later became Patra. He started the company in the mid-thirties, shortly after he immigrated here from Poland. (Itim)



SPY TRIAL. — The scene yesterday as the trial of six alleged members of an Arab-Jewish spy ring for Syria got under way in the Haifa District Court. Standing at left is attorney Ya'acov Hagler, counsel for the ring's alleged Israeli-Arab chief Daoud Turki. (Joseph Roth)

Jerusalem Municipality kills Government House building plan

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a dramatic reversal the Jerusalem Municipality Council last night defused the high-rise threat facing Government House Hill.

The Council, sitting as the Local Planning Committee, decided that building on the sensitive north slope would be permitted only in accordance with a legal outline plan for the area. Just two weeks before, the Council had been on the verge of approving a plan submitted by a private contractor, Abud Levi, for intensive development of the area. Informed observers last night said the vote effectively killed the Levi proposal.

The Council chambers were filled to overflowing with spectators, mostly students and members of the Council for a Beautiful Israel, who opposed the Levi plan. When a student leader objected that people were being kept outside, Mayor Teddy Kolek explained that the chambers could hold no more. It was the largest turnout in recent memory.

Mr. Levi had proposed building 300 apartments, a 250-room hotel and commercial facilities on an 80-acre dunam tract he had purchased from Arabs on the northeast slope of the hill. The Local Planning Subcommittee had approved the proposal on the grounds that Arab land was being acquired by Jews without expropriation. The proposal was on the verge of being stamped

through the Council at its last meeting, a vote being headed off at the last moment by a request for a postponement. In the two weeks since then, press and public pressure against the proposal built up. Mr. Kolek conducted effective negotiations within his own party and with the other members of the coalition over the weekend in order to come up with the resolution approved last night almost unanimously.

It read in part: "The Committee favours building in the area in accordance with the Outline Plan presently being discussed by the District Planning Commission." The wording was broad enough to permit different interpretations. Advocates of the proposal citing the phrase "The Committee favours building in the area" and opponents noting that building must be in accordance with the Outline Plan. It is close to certain that the Outline Plan will not permit building density approaching what Levi had proposed.

The Outline Plan is for the Old City and environs, including the Government House slope. After this overall plan is approved by the District Planning Commission, the dunam tract he had purchased from Arabs on the northeast slope of the hill. The Local Planning Subcommittee had approved the proposal on the grounds that Arab land was being acquired by Jews without expropriation. The proposal was on the verge of being stamped

said this is not likely to happen for another 18 months.)

When a National Religious Party councillor asked that the detailed plan be completed before the elections, the Mayor angrily replied, "We're planning a Jerusalem that's been here 4,000 years. Don't bring this year's elections into it."

City planners last night were reluctant to hail the decision as a clear victory. "Room for manoeuvre," one put it. Another informed observer said: "It depends on whether they really mean what they say — that the ultimate plan depends on what the Urban Planning Unit says."

The unit is to draw up a plan for several hundred acres on the slope of which the Levi tract is a small part. The unit is known to be inclined towards permitting only parking and "infill" — one- or two-storey stone houses similar in section to existing Arab housing. If this is indeed the plan that will eventually be proposed by the unit, it will probably be strongly opposed by Jewish development in the area, and perhaps by the religious parties on the Council.

Netanya man killed by truck

NETANYA. — Local resident Daniel Levi, 72, died in hospital yesterday of injuries sustained when he was hit by a truck while crossing a Netanya street Saturday night at a marked pedestrian crossing.

Levi had been taken to Hadera's Hillel Yoffe Hospital, after the truck hit him as he was crossing at the intersection of Netanya's Sadot Elyashim and Rehov Tchernichovsky. The driver, a 24-year-old Even Yehuda man, was held for questioning. (Itim)

TV workers demand change in management

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A general meeting of 204 television staff members yesterday called for a change in the management of Television House and of the Broadcasting Authority, and for the complete separation of radio and TV. At the same time, the workers called on the Journalists Association to declare a labour dispute with the Broadcasting Authority.

The workers, representing all departments of television, issued three strongly worded resolutions presenting their views for what is apparently becoming a public discussion on what is wrong with Israel Television. They placed the blame

squarely with the management.

In the resolutions, the workers: • Call on Minister of Education and Culture, Yigal Alon, and on the plenum of the Broadcasting Authority to "form an efficient management of television and the Broadcasting Authority, in order to permit professional broadcasting standards and good working relations." This move was passed by a vote of 193 to two, with nine abstentions.

• Recommended the complete separation of radio and television, and asked the Authority to form separate administrations. On this there were 175 ayes, 11 noes and 14 abstentions. Four other workers refused to take part in the vote.

• Asked the Government to review the structure of the Broadcasting Authority as soon as possible, and called the Government's attention to its promise for such a review, made four years ago. This was a reference to the Galili Committee, which set up Israel Television in 1968. There were 188 affirmative votes, one no and 15 abstentions on this section.

In a separate move, the workers asked the Journalists Association to declare a labour dispute over their demands to switch over to journalists' grades. They claim the management has now refused to sign an agreement it had already consented to last November. At that time, production and news workers refused to work overtime until they were granted journalists' grades, which they had been promised by an arbitrator in 1969. They were informed last week that the authority wants to make changes in the agreement.

The Journalists Association will meet on Wednesday to discuss the issue.

SOME 100 LANDLORDS demonstrated in front of the Prime Minister's Office yesterday against the Tenant Protection Law. The landlords circulated a petition to the Prime Minister, complaining the present laws "rob them of their property."

Justice Man mentioned for President

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Arye Eliaz, 43, formed the Labour Party yesterday that he intends proposing Senator Justice Elyashim Manny as party's candidate for the next election in Israel.

In a letter which reached headquarters here from Netanya (where Mr. Eliaz is head of a group of Israeli advisers to the Israeli Government), he issued a warm recommendation of the man president of the Supreme Court Yitzhak Olshan.

Mr. Eliaz wrote that "the that Elyashim Manny has never actively involved in politics, devoted all his talents and energy to law and justice, should be regarded as a disadvantage." This is the first concrete proposal by any politician for nomination of the fourth President of Israel. President Shazar's term of office expires on May 1973. According to "Basic Law the President," nominations for the President must be made starting 90 days before the end of the incumbent's term. (It is known that President Shazar is already packing up his library and getting ready to move to private quarters when his successor moves into the President's Residence.)

A factor in favour of Manny is his Sephardi origin, first three presidents were all Ashkenazi. This factor has brought some Labour Party members to raise the candidacy of Dr. Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Mordechai. Another candidate mentioned Labour Party circle is T.N.Y. man Ya'acov Tur, former Ambassador to France and Argentina.

Non-partisan group for Yadin

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A non-partisan group has formed here to work for the election of Prof. Yigal Yadin, the next President of the State.

The group includes three Tel Aviv professors — I. Alpan, A. Ben-Meir and M. Poreh — and Mr. Y. Ravidin, who is active in his rights affairs.

They stress their lack of affiliation. They believe the President should be chosen not for his background, but for what he brings to the post. They are seeking a candidate of Sephardi background simply for the sake of his origin.

Mrs. Ravidin told *The Jerusalem Post* they hoped to recruit support from all sections of population for the candidate. Prof. Yadin, who is Israel's second Chief of Staff, has no recommendations on his list for the high office, she said.

FREE MATRICULATION examination classes for immigrant pupils are to be set up at all points here at least 15 candidates for the Absorption Ministry announced.

ON THE THIRTIETH DAY AFTER THE DEATH OF MY DEAR WIFE

DORA LAMAS

there will be a Memorial Service and Unveiling of the Tombstone on February 13, 1973, at 3 p.m. in the Holon Cemetery.

We shall meet at the cemetery gate.

Dr. David Lamas, husband
The Family

We extend our condolences to the bereaved family on the untimely death of Deputy Managing Director and Representative of Bank Hapoalim, London,

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STAFF OF PATRA TRAVEL AGENCY

In deep sorrow we announce the untimely death of our beloved

EMANUEL PILZER

in New York.

The coffin will arrive at Lod Airport today, February 12, 1973, at 4 p.m., aboard El Al flight 16. The cortege is expected to arrive at Har Hamenuchot cemetery in Jerusalem at 6:30 p.m. The family will be sitting shiva both in Israel and in New York.

THE FAMILY

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear

WALTER PERL

of Vienna

The funeral will leave tomorrow, Tuesday, February 13, 1973, at 1:30 p.m., from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, for the Holon Cemetery.

Judith Perl, wife
Dr. William Perl, brother
and the Family in the U.S.A. and Israel

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Greiver Family, on the death of the head of the family, our friend,

YOSEF GREIVER

Morris Cassuto
Abraham Bar-Nir
Avi Cassuto

To Mrs. Jaffa Greiver and family,

our sincere condolences on the death of

YOSEF GREIVER

Julio and Raquel Blankleder



Alon denies he'd give piece of Old City to Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Ministry spokesman today firmly denied a widely reported claim that Mr. Alon would consider giving some extrajurisdictional area of the Old City of Jerusalem to Jordan. The spokesman, Denker, said Mr. Alon would never express any view which was in fact contrary to his opinion.

At a Cabinet meeting yesterday, Mr. Alon's report was raised. Mr. Alon's spokesman replied that Mr. Alon's statement was already denied. He himself is holidaying at a kibbutz, Ginosar. He did not yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting.

Only in "Ha'aretz" by Knesset Member Matti Golan, said Mr. Alon recently told a circle of friends that he would be prepared to negotiate with Jordan on an extrajurisdictional status for the Old City of Jerusalem. The spokesman said that Mr. Alon would even be prepared to make an arrangement.

such as a road on stilts — whereby Jordanians could enter the Old City without passing through the Jordanian Quarter under Israeli sovereignty.

Mr. Alon's spokesman said the Minister would only countenance offering Jordan religious — not political — rights over the holy places of Islam in Jerusalem. Jordan might be offered these rights as the representative of the Muslim world.

In another official denial of an "Ha'aretz" article, the Prime Minister's Office late Saturday night issued a statement that Israel is ready to talk peace with Jordan at any time. The article had claimed Mrs. Meir believed that partial settlement with Egypt must precede any settlement with Jordan.

No new ideas on M-E peace' from Hussein's U.S. visit

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet yesterday that, as far as he knew, no new ideas had been broached during King Hussein's visit to Washington last week. Mr. Eban said he was basing his assessment on published material from public appearances and on other information reaching his Ministry. He said neither the King nor the U.S. administration had changed their viewpoints on the Middle East conflict during the King's visit.

Mr. Eban also reported to the Cabinet on the forthcoming meeting in Jerusalem of the mixed E.E.C.-Israel commission, which supervises the tariff agreement between Israel and the Common Market. Some 28 E.E.C. officials are due in Israel on Wednesday to take part in the six-day meeting with a similar number of Israeli officials.

Mr. Eban said the E.E.C. officials were bound to discuss prospects and problems connected with the new agreement which Israel and the Market were due to negotiate in the summer, to take effect next year.

The Foreign Minister also referred to Friday's resolution by the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, which called on Israel to withdraw and express solidarity with the O.A.U. solidarity with Egypt. He said this expression of solidarity had been expected in Jerusalem, and noted that a far more extreme resolution, canvassed by some Arab member-states had been rejected by the majority of O.A.U. members. This extreme draft would have congratulated those African states which broke diplomatic ties with Israel and encouraged other O.A.U. members to do likewise.

The Foreign Minister is due to visit several African states in May or June after the meeting of the O.A.U. heads of state in May. Mr. Eban had earlier planned to tour Africa in March, but he has decided to delay the tour until after the O.A.U. leaders have met.

OIL SITUATION

The Cabinet yesterday began a study of the international oil production and marketing situation, which will eventually culminate in an analysis of its impact on the Middle East political situation in general — and of the U.S. in particular.

Yesterday's session, however, was too short for anything more than a brief introduction by Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein, who gave ministers general details about the world's increasing oil requirements over the coming decade. He did not get down to Israel's specific situation.



The fourth anniversary of the death of former Premier Levi Eshkol was observed yesterday, with a memorial ceremony at the graveside, on Mt. Herzl. The service was attended by his widow, Miriam Eshkol; President Zalman Shazar; Premier Golda Meir; Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu; Cabinet ministers and Knesset members. Above, Mrs. Meir pauses at the grave. (Shashim Photo)

ENGINEERS' LABOUR DISPUTE Histadrut to endorse Meshel arbitration sight unseen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will endorse — sight unseen — whatever solution Yehoram Meshel comes up with in the dispute of the country's engineers, who threaten to strike on February 26 if their demands for a new wage schedule are not met by then.

Mr. Meshel was chosen a fortnight ago to arbitrate in the matter, but has meantime left for Brussels to attend the founding convention of the European Trade Union Federation. He is expected back this week.

The Central Committee of the Histadrut yesterday decided that it will be bound by Mr. Meshel's proposals, though they have not been published yet. (The employers in the dispute are the Civil Service Commission.)

If the Meshel ruling follows the proposal of re-grading suggested by Rehavia Ofek of the Trade Union

Department, there is a good chance the Engineers and Technicians Unions will accept it. The Ofek schedule sets IL1,650 as the basic wage in the top grade for engineers.

In another labour dispute, the Central Committee ruled yesterday that the Union of Graduates in Social Sciences and Humanities has no authority to call a general strike on February 26, as it has threatened. (The secretary of that union, Mordechai Gani, has disagreed. He says the union is within its rights, since he filed notice of the strike at the plenary meeting of the committee for the academicians — which is headed by Uriel Abrahamowitz — head of the Trade Union Department of the Histadrut.)

El Moyal informed the Central Committee that a national labour contract in the ports is expected to be signed today, "barring something unforeseen."

Tel Aviv Fashion Week opens today at Hilton

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The ninth annual Tel Aviv Fashion Week opens this morning at 8.00 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel. More than 80 local fashion producers will display their collections in rooms on four floors of the hotel, as well as in a 10-booth boutique arcade set up in the ballroom foyer.

Five hundred buyers have booked in advance, according to Avraham Dar, Export Institute Director. First to arrive were 25 representatives of leading British stores, including Harrods and Marks and Spencer. More buyers were expected to arrive at Lod last night from Europe, the U.S., South America (for the first time), and Japan.

In addition to the visiting buyers, some 18 foreign journalists from leading daily papers, consumer fashion publications and the textile trade press are invited guests at Fashion Week. The Export Insti-

tute's overall budget for the event is IL180,000.

The textile industry's total output last year was more than IL2,000m., and ready-to-wear exports for 1972 reached \$77m. This was announced at a press conference yesterday by Menachem Zehavi of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. (Although the figures show a 10 per cent rise in exports, the actual rise was negligible due to rises in overhead and costs of raw materials, he said.)

Mr. Zehavi was asked whether the Government was considering increasing the rate of reimbursement in indirect taxes per export-earned dollar, in view of the current inflationary trends and the manufacturers' difficulties in competing on the export market. He replied that this problem did not affect only the textile industry, and that no final decision would be made before March.

Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, at a recent meeting with textile industry representatives, indicated Government export subsidies might be increased. Meanwhile he counselled exporters to sell at the best prices obtainable in the present economic situation.

'Ironside' most popular show

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Songs and Goals," broadcast each Saturday afternoon at 2.35, is the most popular radio programme in Israel, an official poll has shown. On television, the "Ironside" detective series leads.

These were among the findings made public at a press conference called by the Broadcasting Authority in Jerusalem yesterday on the basis of a survey of radio listening and TV viewing habits in Israel. The survey, conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics, was based on studies made between October 1 and December 31, 1972.

According to the Bureau, the national radio and television audience remains the same as it was two years ago — approximately 86 per cent of the population.

Among regularly scheduled news broadcasts during the week, the 7 a.m. newscast grew most in popularity, attracting about 6 per cent more listeners than two years ago. Authority sources believe this is due to the "newscast" feature that was added to the news bulletin.

Manufacturers set policy on inflation talks

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Mr. Mark Moscovice, head of the Manufacturers Association, told a meeting of the Presidium last night that the Prime Minister's committee on inflation has appointed three sub-committees. One is to deal with the elimination of excess means of payment, another with limiting price increases, and the third with planning wage, price and tax policies for the years 1974-75.

The Presidium decided to see the three sub-committees as a single complex. Any agreement by the employers to recommendations made in one committee should be strictly conditional on the adoption of conclusions to which the employers agree in the other two committees as well.

Mr. Shimon Klagsbald was elected to succeed Mr. Haim Kamenetz as Chairman of the Association's Labour Committee.

DORA SCHWARZ PENSION SALE: Local council wins court case — but is ordered to pay costs

By YAA'COV ARDON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Dora Schwartz — former owner of the Zichron Ya'akov resort which now belongs to a German Christian group — lost her District Court case for a rebate of taxes she paid on the pension. But the local council — which technically won the case — was ordered to pay court costs. The judge rebuked the local council chief and ruled that his behaviour in cancelling Mrs. Schwartz' tax rebate had been less than exemplary.

The story began four years ago, when the elderly Mrs. Schwartz retired and put her well-known vegetarian pension up for sale. After looking unsuccessfully for a Jewish buyer for over a year, she finally sold the building and spacious grounds of the resort — for IL230,000 — to a group of German Christians led by Emma Berger.

But the sale of the property to the Berger group — often accused of being "missionaries" — provoked strong resentment. In order to block finalization of the sale, Zichron Local Council chairman Ya'akov Levy cancelled a tax-clearance certificate which had already been issued to Mrs. Schwartz. (The certificate confirmed that Mrs. Schwartz had paid all the local taxes on the property and was a prerequisite for transferring the property in the Land Registry Office. Cancellation of the certificate thwarted the transfer at the last minute.)

When Mrs. Schwartz asked for a new taxes-paid certificate, she was told that her taxes were not paid. To back this up the council cancelled an IL5,000 tax rebate which had been granted Mrs. Schwartz a year earlier — and slapped on an additional charge of IL5,342 as a "fine" for delayed payment. (The IL2,000 exemption had been granted for a period in which the pension had been closed and had brought in no revenue. Now that Mrs. Schwartz was trying to sell the pension to the Berger group, the council decided she did have to pay it — with interest.)

Erased 'Jew' on I.D. card, fined IL100

HAIFA. — A crippled veteran of the War of Independence who scratched out the word "Jew" on his identity card was fined IL100 in the Magistrates' Court here on Friday. The man, Emanuel Yagil, 48, of Kiryat Bialik, said he had mutilated the card in a moment of anger over the Government's handling of the "Who's a Jew" issue.

The blank on the card came to light when Mr. Yagil's son was going through the pre-induction procedures for joining the army. Judge Nathan Kleinberger, said on Friday he was imposing the relatively low fine in view of Mr. Yagil's expressed regret for the act and his lack of a criminal record. But he added that any citizen angered by the decision on the "Who's a Jew" issue (which implicitly recognizes conversion by Reform rabbis) had legitimate means for venting his discontent. (Jtm)

In order to obtain the necessary certificate without further delay, Mrs. Schwartz offered to post a bank guarantee for IL25,000 that she would pay any tax arrears found due — but Mr. Levy refused.

Mrs. Schwartz, through attorney Rudolf Gottschalk, then applied to the High Court of Justice for an order nisi against the local council. According to the agreement reached in that court, she paid the council the IL14,842 it demanded as a condition for issuing the new certificate — but she was given the right to sue for a refund of the money.

In the District Court here a fortnight ago, Judge Leonard Rabinowitz ruled that he could not ask the local council to refund the money technically they had the right to demand, and keep it. But the judge rebuked Mr. Levy for lying to Mrs. Schwartz — and to the Land Registry Office. (Mr. Levy had told Mrs. Schwartz he had to cancel the IL5,000 rebate because it had not been confirmed by the Ministry of the Interior. Then he told the Land Registry Office that a "mistake" had

been made in calculating the taxes due, and that was why he had to cancel the taxes-paid certificate which had already been issued.)

In fact, Mr. Levy had the right to cancel the rebate — but only because his own council had been guilty of an administrative imprudence. The rebate had been approved by a committee of the local council — whereas the law requires such a decision to be made by the whole plenum.

This being the case, Judge Rabinowitz ruled, he had to reject Mrs. Schwartz' claim for a refund of her IL14,842. "But under the circumstances which have come to light I do not find it right to impose payment of court costs on the claimant. On the contrary, it is for the respondents to pay costs and lawyers' fees in the amount of IL1,000."

Dr. Gottschalk has said he will appeal the judgment in the Supreme Court. The local council, he said, should not benefit from its own manoeuvre to evade a claim it had itself approved.

GAZA MAN MURDERED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — The chairman of the Shati quarter's local committee, Habib Ismail el-Marbiti, 45, was murdered before dawn yesterday.

His body, with six bullets in it, was found by police at 7 a.m. in the Rimal quarter, just over a kilometre from his home. He was clad in pajamas.

El-Marbiti, according to the family, was called out of his house at 3.30 a.m. by "three or four men," armed with Kalashnikov sub-machineguns. When he failed to return, the family called the police.

A father of 10, el-Marbiti had been employed as a clerk in the Gaza Magistrate's Court until his election to the Shati committee in October. He had been active in community affairs and initiated a number of projects for municipal improvements in the quarter.

More than 4,000 persons attended el-Marbiti's funeral yesterday afternoon. Many of them expressed bitterness over the murder, which is believed to have been politically motivated. If this is the case, it would be the first political murder in the Gaza Strip since January 9, 1972.

Security forces are investigating, but no arrests have been made yet.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

LORD CARADON, former British Ambassador to the U.N., yesterday visited the former Mayor of Gaza, Rashad Shawwa, as guest of Unrwa. Lord Caradon spent 30 minutes with the former Mayor and several other Gaza notables.

A IL10,000 FINE for failure to transfer employees' income-tax deductions was levied Friday on Ashkelon's Matkes textile firm. Ashkelon Magistrate Gildad Gildad also sentenced the firm's two owners, Mordechai Zsak and Baruch Adiri, to IL2,500 fines or six months in jail.

Onions may be imported from Jordan

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is allowing onions to be imported from Jordan, it was learned yesterday.

Permission came after an appeal from the Jerusalem branch of the Israeli Commerce Federation, a retailers' organization. It said greenhouses in East Jerusalem were suffering from a shortage of the vegetable, which is a basic element in the Arab diet.

East Jerusalem produce dealers may apply for an import permit through the Military Government, and the Ministry has assured them there would be no surcharge on the imports.

U.S. journalists here on 9-day study tour

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LOD AIRPORT. — Twenty-six representatives of newspapers and radio and television stations throughout the U.S. arrived here last night by El Al for an intensive nine-day study tour. The group is headed by Frank Gervasi, the author and columnist.

During their stay, the participants will have question-and-answer sessions with government, army, religious and civic leaders. They will also meet with individual Israelis in their homes — Jews, Arabs, new immigrants and kibbutz members. The annual communications media study tour, now in its fourth year, is sponsored by the American Zionist Federation and conducted in Israel by the Organization and Information Department of the World Zionist Organization.

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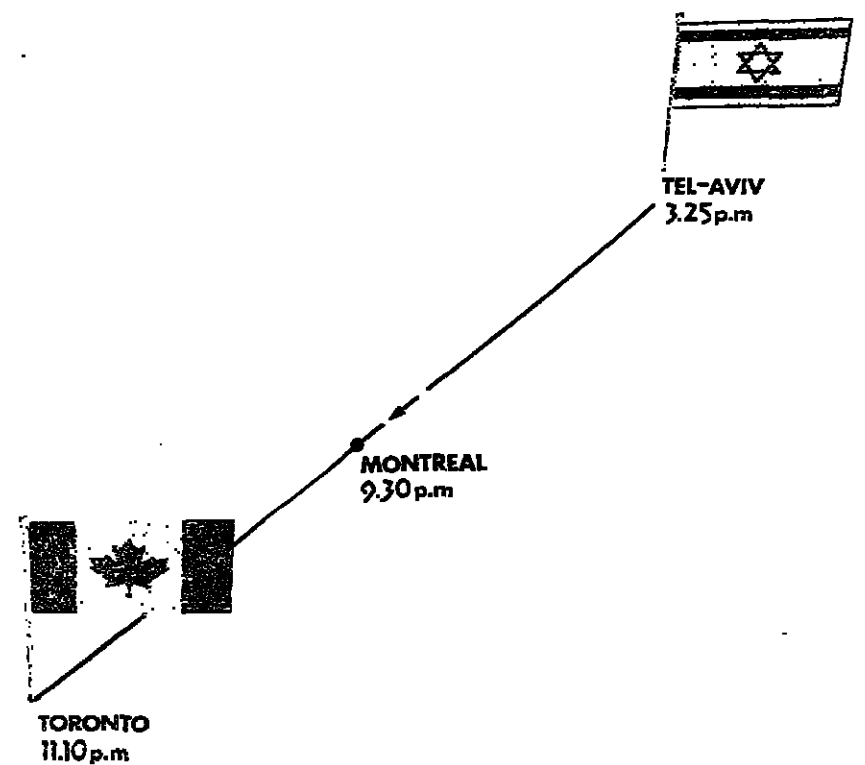
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Two die in Ulster blast

BELFAST (UPI). — Police searching for the source of an explosion heard during the night in a rural area yesterday found the blast-mutilated bodies of a man and young woman lying near Strangford Loch.

A police spokesman said both had been killed by the premature explosion of a bomb apparently in their possession.

The deaths, the first in three days, raised the toll to 720 persons killed in Ulster violence since August 1969.

Forensic experts were called to the scene in an isolated tree farm on the banks of the loch, 40 kms. east of Belfast, but were unable to determine the identity of the bodies immediately.

Elsewhere in Northern Ireland, police reported a decline in the usual level of night violence after soldiers dispersed a rioting crowd of Roman Catholics in Belfast on Saturday night. The disturbances broke out when soldiers turned back a small protest march on downtown Belfast organized by the People's Democracy.

Political sources saw the drop in violence from the peak it reached in the past two weeks as a possible sign that moderates in both the Catholic and Protestant communities have started to assert their influence over extremists.

Situation in Uruguay described as 'grave'

MONTEVIDEO (Reuters). — Talks between Uruguayan President Juan Maria Bordaberry and rebel military officers broke down here yesterday, political sources said.

The President, still clinging to office, had been seeking a compromise with the officers who control most of the country and are demanding social and economic reforms. The sources described the situation as "graver than ever."

Mr. Bordaberry, a 44-year-old right wing landowner, has little room for manoeuvre in the negotiations with army and air force chiefs, who began a rebellion on Thursday night by refusing to accept orders from the Defence Minister.

The navy, which initially pledged "monopolistic support" for the President and mobilized to defend him, split on Saturday night with several units declaring their support for the rebels. The police have also sided with the rebels.

Six officers and 25 men at El Cerro naval base on the outskirts of Montevideo forced commanders there to leave in a patrol boat on Saturday night. Troops surrounded El Cerro ready to protect it from loyalists. Similar events were reported at other small navy bases along the Atlantic coastline.

The rebels announced, through radio stations they control, that a rival navy high command had been set up which would not accept the orders of loyalist officers. This was in accordance with the wishes of "a growing number of officers, N.C.O.'s and men," the rebels said.

This left an estimated 2,000 men barricaded inside Montevideo main port area, a peninsula into the River Plate estuary, the "old city," as the rebels only viable armed support.

Sailors set up machine gun windows of the huge port Customs building which dominated the area, after ordering the personnel to leave.

But, although the navy still appeared ready to fight, they said in a common signed by their commander-in-Chief, Admiral Juan Jose Zaldívar, that they did not disagree with objectives of the rebels, only their methods.

Elections for Haiti parliament

PORT AU PRINCE (Reuters). — Over 400 candidates, nearly all to the government, were said for 58 seats yesterday in Haiti parliamentary election since 1964.

All liquor sales were said to be banned to forestall violence. Owners of night clubs and dancing halls in this Caribbean city were told to close or risk jail.

The elections were for the Chamber of Deputies, Haiti's only legislative body, and do not affect the presidency, which is occupied by Jean-Claude Duvalier. There has been no election since the death in 1971 of Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, father of the president, who ruled Haiti 17 years.

New Italian bill to legalize abortion

ROME (AP). — Socialist deputy Loris Fortuna, co-sponsor of Italy's divorce law, introduced a bill yesterday to legalize abortion in Italy.

Meanwhile, the Italian Episcopal Conference assailed abortion, upholding "the right to be born."

Mr. Fortuna's bill, carrying the signature of 32 other Socialist deputies, would permit abortion if three doctors attest that continued pregnancy endangers "the physical and mental health" of the woman. Present law forbids abortion under any circumstances. Those who undergo or perform abortions are liable to prison terms of up to five years.

The Italian bishops, reflecting the thinking of the Vatican, stated that the right to be born is a fundamental right. The Roman Catholic church holds that life begins at conception, not at birth.

The abortion bill faces rough going in Parliament because the leftist majority that passed Mr. Fortuna's divorce law no longer exists. Gains by rightist and church-oriented candidates in the last parliamentary elections may put the so-called "laicos" (lay deputies and senators in the minority).

Before the bill's introduction, Premier Giulio Andreotti said on Saturday night that his Christian Democrat Party would vote against the measure. The Christian Democrats, Italy's largest political

force, are supported by the church. Mr. Fortuna, who considers a "civil right," said he would debate without ideological bias.

His bill drew immediate support from women's liberation groups and some leftist politicians. The groups were triumphant in having divorce to Roman Catholic in 1970.

The small Radical Party, which has no representation in Parliament, said if the bill fails in Parliament it would take the issue to vote a referendum.

Anti-abortion forces have promised to take the controversy to the voters if Parliament makes it a law of the land. They will have the backing of the church.

Pope Paul himself has expressed opposition to numerous occasions.

The Italian bishops, on the other hand, assailed the Fortuna proposal as "a new expression of violence." The bishops' Episcopal Conference said while the bill is being introduced as an "expression of modern progress," it is in effect a manifestation of "grave crime."

The Ministry of Health puts number of abortions in Italy at 800,000 a year. Deaths from abortions are said to be between 10 to 5,000.

Byrne captures U.S. chess final

CHICAGO (AP). — Robert Byrne captured the U.S. Chess Championship playoffs on Saturday night after Samuel Reshevsky agreed to a draw in the sixth and final game of the round-robin event.

Byrne, 43, finished his four games with a total of three points after winning two and drawing two. Reshevsky had two points in a win, two draws and a loss. The third grandmaster, Lubomir Kavalek, finished with one point after losing two and drawing two.

Byrne and Reshevsky will advance to international play this summer in Brazil, a worldwide competition which eventually will choose a challenger to Bobby Fischer in 1979.

Former Pakistani minister sentenced

DACCAR (Reuters). — A special Bangladesh tribunal has sentenced Moulana Mohammad Ishaque to life imprisonment for collaborating with Pakistani occupation forces as a minister of Dr. A.M. Azhar in what was formerly East Pakistan.

Moulana Ishaque was minister of local government and industries at the time.

Soviet Jew to be tried as spy for British

LONDON (Reuters). — A British Member of Parliament said yesterday that a 36-year-old Jew is on trial in the Soviet Union on charge of spying for Britain.

Greville Janner said he had heard from "wholly reliable sources" that Isak Shkolnik, a Jew from Vinnitsa in the Ukraine, had been charged with passing secret documents to engineers of an unnamed British company in 1968.

"He was arrested in July 1968 and charged with defaming the Soviet Union. He has now been accused of high treason," Mr. Janner said.

Mr. Janner said he would be providing information on the matter to the British Foreign Office. A spokesman for the Foreign Office said yesterday he had knowledge of any allegations against Mr. Shkolnik.



Shane Gould, pictured as she displayed the five medals she won in the Munich Olympics last September.

Shane Gould smashes her own record

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP). — Shane Gould, urged on by thunderous applause, smashed her world 1,500-metre women's freestyle championship at the Australian National Championships held at the Adelaide Swimming Centre last night.

Swimming 16:56.9 and cutting 4.37 seconds off the record, Shane became the first woman ever to break the 17-minute barrier.

After she completed 750 metres in 8:20, excitement reached fever pitch as she churned out lap after lap to gradually get inside her times when she set the record in Sydney in 1971.

With 300 metres to go Shane was 3:25 inside the record and the crowd went wild. The whole stadium rose to its feet to cheer and urge their favourite over the last 100 metres.

The win gave Shane her seventh gold for the championship. She won all events she entered, but this was the first time she really let herself go. In the other six events, she just coasted to victory.

32nd victim in Calabria vendetta

SEMINARA (Reuters). — A 45-year-old barber was shot dead here and his eight-year-old son seriously wounded in what police describe as a vendetta that has already claimed 12 dead and 20 wounded in this Calabrian town since September 1971.

Domenico Maesano, the barber, was killed on Saturday night by a shotgun blast in the head from a passing car as he was closing his shop. His son, Alfio, was wounded in the stomach as he sat waiting in his father's car.

The vendetta which has divided the town into two warring factions for the past 17 months involves a struggle between the Pellegrino and Gioffre families over contracts for olive harvesting, the main source of wealth in the Calabria region.

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Geologists and mineral experts discount that the material is gold and have so told police and the farmer. They say it's only a sulphurous substance.

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Against Hanoi men

A mob of 400 Vietnamese Communists for killings in the south.

Several thousand crammed into soccer-buses and drove to the I.M.C. compound where they hurled stones at the buildings. But most of the North Vietnamese delegates had left minutes before and no damage or injuries were caused.

In another Central Highlands town, Ban Me Thuot, a crowd of 2,000 South Vietnamese on Friday injured several Communist delegates when they stoned them as they left a helicopter for meetings of the Commission. The South Vietnamese Government has officially apologized for the attack.

Island blast

Found 9 bodies, 27 feared dead

TEXAS (AP). — A tank so that the men inside could be reached.

The 43 men had been working for a contracting firm hired by the Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation to repair a gas line in the tank, which was empty. Three other men working outside the tank were injured and two of them were kept in hospital.

Soon after the explosion, smoke was billowing out so thickly from the devastated tank that it was impossible to see from one side to the other. There was debris everywhere and the air was filled with the acrid smell of gasoline and smoldering tar.

Huge tanks similar to the scene of the tragedy were the subject of a city council hearing on Saturday last week. The council's public safety committee was hearing testimony over Texas Eastern's plan to build four additional storage tanks in the area.

"It's inexplicable," said Harry Marmion, a spokesman for Texas Eastern. He said the tank was about four years old and had been inspected by the fire department less than a month ago and safety-checked daily.

It had been empty of gas since last March and was about to go back into service, he added.

Filled to capacity, the tank would hold 25 million gallons of liquefied natural gas at a temperature of 290 degrees below zero. The tank, which was 80 metres across, served the company's East Coast customers.

Relatives of the trapped men gathered anxiously at a police station about 16 kms. from the scene of the disaster.

(UPI, Reuters)

Waldheim begins visit to Thailand

BANGKOK (Reuters). — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim arrived here yesterday for talks with Thai leaders on the U.N. role in restoring peace in Indochina and in postwar reconstruction.

Mr. Waldheim has just completed visits to India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. He is to stay in Thailand three days.

Brezhnev 'wants to meet Pompidou again'

PARIS (UPI). — Leonid Brezhnev, secretary-general of the Soviet Union's Communist Party, has requested a second "brief meeting" with President Georges Pompidou, the weekly magazine "Le Point" reported yesterday.

The magazine said in its issue dated February 12 that the new meeting would probably take place in Paris since the two leaders last met in Moscow January 11-12.

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Histadrut Executive considers price-inflation and maintenance of workers' real wages

BEN-AHARON: CONSTRUCTIVE ENDEAVOURS TO STOP INFLATION AND RUNAWAY PRICE RISES

"The inflation of recent years, which continued unabated in 1977, reaching new heights, has produced an average rate of price-inflation of 10%, in the period since 58. In the movement of prices during these years, there occurred rises in different items of 30% to 80%. We are not prepared to accept this development as a decree from heaven," said the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, opening the discussion held by the full Histadrut Executive on Tuesday 25, 1977, on price-inflation and the fight to maintain the value of workers' wages.

He continued: "There are two factors producing this development. On the one hand, we have no control over the price of raw materials, and we are forced to pay whatever price is asked, even an inflationary price. A first factor is the rise of world prices for materials we do not produce, and which we buy abroad. We are part of the free world and this bid buys our products and tells our requirements. This world is the victim of serious inflationary processes, which show themselves in price rises. We cannot ignore the fact that the prices of products will also rise, the basis this rise being the increased cost of the raw materials. It is unavoidable that international price-inflation will be expressed in the price of products. No one can absorb as price increases, and no purchase of advantage will be obtained. The State, society or the workers excluding these international movements from our calculations.

There is a second factor — an extremely strong factor — affecting us. In my view, this factor is inflation — our very life-blood. This is the very heavy expenditure defense and the expenditure directly affects the ability of the workers, the development of the economy, the development of our production capability.

His investment is reflected in the fact that the Minister of Finance. It is an expenditure that most people are glad to pay, are all prepared to pay the cost of this effort, in work, in production, and in loss of income. Unfortunately, these are not the factors influencing the development of the economy and of Israeli society. We are witnessing certain effects, which all reasonable men — not necessarily those who are pioneering-labour outlook — reject. Here we enter the field of politics, and our only suggestion to turn to the bodies exerting a force — and not only to the Government but to the Histadrut — is to support the suppression of the various sabotaging efforts to leave the aims of the State, and maintenance of the standard of living of the worker.

We are witnessing price-inflation, caused by the reduction in the value of money. Every day we see sheets published indicating that hit the prices: dividends 15%, 15%, 20%. The balance sheet of the General Mortgage Bank, published, is a case in point. It is a factor which increases the cost of the manufacturer, so that what the social nature of his activities — producer of private property, manufacturer operating in the public sector — every manufacturer at make use of credit, working capital, and investment capital. The nature of development and expansion, which we all want, is an essential condition for our very existence, for the absorption of immigrants, and for bettering our material standard.

However, there is no justification continuing the line which started in the cancellation of the limits on interest. The Histadrut is an every essential constructive influence in the economy, and will be the fruits of the struggle to see that play the stock exchange, and sometimes to parasites.

I check thoroughly the balance sheets of the manufacturing and agricultural enterprises, those owned by the Israeli public, by the Government and political parties of the Histadrut, we shall find that, by all have the Histadrut (and we call on them to use it) to stand and to curb this rotten way of life of dividends and income, and reduce the flow of income from the sources to a level suitable to the development needs of a workers' economy. We shall find that this, hundreds and hundreds of millions of pounds, has been taken from the workers, and has been put into safes and bank exchanges, which have never shown such prosperity. In the past, I have never seen such moral and social destruction of our production forces.

The Histadrut cannot accept the outflowing in land and housing, we are now seeing. We have already underlined this question: a number times. The Histadrut Executive at the Coordinating Committee has unanimously adopted resolutions on this subject. I must regretfully say, however, that our statements fell on deaf ears.

We requested two simple things: Firstly, we asked that land, plots, construction and land for housing could no longer be a commodity to be traded in. This commodity should be dropped. The State was 94-95 per cent of the land, and it is unthinkable that this land, which is ours — the State's — could be drawn into market prices. It is essential for us that basic revision be made in the policy of the Israel Lands Administration, and of the Government's policy.

This applies equally to restrictions on building. We ask that rules be laid down governing private transactions in this area, suitable to a period of absorption of immigrants, shortage of housing, and of increasing hardship, and in a society in which there are many young families. There are, today, 7-8 thousand families living under overcrowded conditions, that is, more than three people to a room.

In addition, there is the considerable hardship of the younger generation, of young people establishing family and a career, and

ing to contribute to the development of the country. The problem of these young people is that of getting a roof over their heads. This is an essential requirement for everyday life, no less than bread, full employment, or health. The State must have a responsible attitude towards this problem.

We are proud of what has and is being done by the Government and Israeli society in this field — no country can teach us anything on this subject.

And since we have demonstrated strength and ability in this area, we may call for that last effort reserved for times of distress. We must put a stop to the building of luxury flats much larger than the minimum popular standard of 100 sqm. In order to reduce the price of building materials, to prevent profiteering in building materials of low utility, and to reduce the cost of the work, over which there is a constant fight, and which is destroying the Trades Union Department, destroying a just wages policy, and producing no benefit for the worker.

And there is another factor making the poor poorer, impoverishing large sections of the public, the root of all evil — I refer to people getting rich during a time of full employment, getting rich by price-inflation.

quickly and easily, a disease infecting the whole of society, including the good elements.

In this connection we must also look among our own ranks. The labour movement in Israel never was, and I hope never will be, a protest movement. It is an action movement, and, I hope, a respected part of the Israeli economy. We produce and build — in industry, in agriculture and services. We are also a not insignificant factor in wholesaling and marketing, and we may say — at least this is the impression of the Central Committee — that we have shown up in the way we have a right to expect. We must therefore turn to the independent groups within our organization with a request that they be more precise in determining prices for their products, and for the goods marketed through the various channels, in order that these groups set an example to all other organizations in Israel. We do not feel that we have discharged our obligations in this respect. The plans we have set up, which have shown their production capability and control and executive ability, do not appear to us to have fulfilled their labour-movement mission of setting an example to the whole economy. They have also been swept along with the price-inflation.

This is not surprising, since the economists and advisers define cost increase as a national duty. For two years, we have been told from every platform — there is nothing more important than increasing expenses — making money more expensive, and of course raising profits and dividends — and all this on condition that the commodity known as wages remain frozen.

Here there is a difference of opinion. I do not know if the scientists can explain the problem; I say we must be subjective. When I check our own performance, I have to say (and I do not say this in the name of the Central Committee, nor in the name of our Trades Union Department and not in depreciation of these bodies) that for the years for which we have summaries, 1971/1972, wages were not a factor contributing to the galloping inflation we have seen. There are differences of opinion here on the actual rates of increase in real wages — and yet the fact that we are checked with superlatives, every group and every group. We know that the cost-of-living increase, taken into account in these swollen percentages, produces considerable publicity for us: a rise in wages of 40% in 1972/73, 35% in 1973/74. They threaten us, and then announce that the biggest threat to the economy is fuel.

In 1972/1973, we received a cost of living increase of only 18% to 20%. This was compensation for a rise in the cost of living that did take place — and which does not fully compensate for the rise. If we distribute over two years the real increase, over and above the cost-of-living increase, we get a figure of 10% a year, and this includes everything — social benefits, seniority increments, and wage creep. If we do this, we shall be very happy if we find no desire to increase wages in 1973 with real average rise in wages of 3% (and I

can say this in the name of all our members on the Central Committee). And we do not see how this differs from the average, or how it is below the average.

It is true to say that all sections of the population suffer from the effects of inflation, but the great majority are wage earners and they have not produced the inflation, and they are not benefiting from it. This is how the curse whose name is inflation brings blessings. The great majority of the public does not benefit from inflation, and there is no more natural enemy to the continuation of an inflationary atmosphere than the working public.

We are entitled to say that we have followed a policy of truth, of restraint, and of social responsibility. We can only regret that some sections of the public, including people from our own ranks, disregarded the general discipline, and tried to be a law unto themselves. We have fought with them, and we shall continue to fight with them since they have no stronger, more faithful defence than the general policy of the Histadrut. I hope the Histadrut Executive will strengthen our call, issued on behalf of all sections of the public, those people should be aware that their effort in the labour field will be appropriate and of real value, only if it is pursued within the responsible general framework of the Histadrut.

I want to sum up with one sentence:

As it has done in the past, and as it no doubt will do even more vigorously in the future, the Histadrut will support the constructive and responsible effort to break the price rises, or to prevent cost increases, and the compensation for cost increases (for which we have no desire) in order to insure a fair livelihood for the worker, and real growth of the economy."

there is no doubt. The second reason is that a section of the workers do not accept the authority of the Histadrut, and this section makes decisions contrary to Histadrut policy.

Although we here are having a discussion with workers, we must not forget other sections of the community who live not from wages but from pensions. They are affected by inflation in the same way as those earning a low wage, since pensions never keep up with the cost of living or with general wage increases. Let us therefore speak for those sections without representation here.

Y. SHEINGROSS (Labour Alignment): I think there is no disagreement on the startling dimensions of price-inflation in recent years, and during the past year in particular. During last year, price-inflation was like a snowball, which rolled on to 14.3% for the last three years, the figure was 10%, which must be compared with 16% in the previous period since 1957.

I say, therefore, that inflation is dangerous to the economy and to society, because it undermines confidence in the currency, and also in our society. Inflation is a sharp instrument which punishes workers because they had the spirit to make use of their organization, and to fight for the betterment of their conditions. Inflation comes along, in order to take back what they have gained in their fight.

Y. COHEN (State List): In my opinion, we must discuss the causes of inflation, and not its results. And the causes are the fact that there is no overall wages policy, and the economic policy at all. During the last two years, the economy has been too taken up with fights over wages and power positions adopted by the present leadership of the Histadrut and the Government.

And the results: in 1971 we reached a cost-of-living increase of 16%; in 1972, 14%; and an increase of 20% is prophesied for 1973.

B. MARGALIO (Ha'avod Hadati): It is clear to all of us that price rises badly affect the standard of living of the workers, and in large measure reduce the real value of workers' wages. I see this discussion not as a party discussion. We must unite, and speak with the voices of the workers we meet at work. The high cost of goods and overcharging are malignant public evils.

S. SHORAN (Labour Alignment): I think that that haverim who have spoken have expressed the suffering associated with the inflation existing in Israel today, and the need to stop prices rising. Too few have expressed opinions on how to achieve this. I understand the feelings of haverim and of workers' committees, and I sympathize in a true labour spirit with their need to give expression to suffering and anger. However, this will not solve any problems. The problem is much more serious, and there is nothing to suggest, since the end of an episode is the result of the thinking done before the episode. There are in Israel several objective factors producing inflation. Despite these factors, there is no need for inflation to be as bad as it is.

I think that by a directed operation it would be possible to curb it. I will not say entirely — but it would be possible for inflation to be reduced to much below the 13-14% of last year.

A. MANIS (Ha'olam Hazei): We know very well that inflation and price rises are a function and result of the economic policy of the Government. This Government is one in which the hegemony and majority are Ma'arach (Labour Alignment). The Ma'arach in the Histadrut stages a shoppers' strike against the Ma'arach in the Government and the Knesset.

E. GABAI (Labour Alignment): The means for fighting inflation and for establishing a way to stop it can be created by Government legislation, if the Government is prepared for such legislation. Apparently, the Government now prefers inflation. The question is whether the members of the Ma'arach in the Executive want to fight inflation. If they do, they can bring all pressure to bear on the members of the Government, and bring about a juster distribution of the national income, and a reduction in social and economic inequality between the different sections and communities in Israel.

Y. KAPLAN (Socialist Left): The workers' committees do not make sufficient use of the possibilities open to them to bring pressure to bear on the Executive. We stood this morning before the door of a Ma'arach meeting. We say thank you to those that did not forego 5% of the price rises, only 4%. I think that, despite the accepted decision on 4%, it would have been possible to obtain a decision of 3%. I do not know all the Ma'arach's secrets, but I am advised that there was also a suggestion for 3%, and that 4% was a compromise.

One thing interests the members of workers' committees — no matter to what party they belong — and that is high prices. I think they should help the Executive in two things: a) After the resolutions, they should demand a protest against the way in which the cost-of-living increase is calculated and against the retroactivity. b) In order to ginger up the shoppers' strike that is to take place, I think it would be a good thing if there was also a warning strike and a demand from workers' committees. This would give a blood transfusion, which is so needed by the Histadrut.

Main points from the floor

A. AVEAHAMOVITZ (Labour Alignment): There is no doubt that the central fight at the present time is that to arrest the wave of price rises and curb inflation, since the waves of inflation can reduce and cancel all the gains of the Trades Union Department and seriously affect the standard of living, and eat away the value of the modest savings of the workers. I know that various means are necessary to slow down the inflationary process, and establish it at a certain level, corresponding to the rate of price-inflation in the world and the accelerated rate of development in Israel. I also know that speeches and protests cannot solve the problem, but I am sure that in a democratic country speeches and protests can influence those that guide the economy to make vigorous use of the means available to them.

It is necessary to deploy all types of measures — fiscal, monetary, control and also public opinion, measures available to the Government, to the Bank of Israel and other banks, and it seems to me that, if all these measures are used, it will be possible to arrest the flow of money to the market, which increases price-inflation and jacks up the index. I accept the view that the time has come for the Government, the Histadrut, and the employers to work out together a proposal on the action that should be taken to curb these serious, worrying processes.

In 1972, the number of wage earners rose by 6%. The number of unemployed is 30,000, and these are really the marginally employable. Thus we have maximum deployment of the work force in the economy. The national product in 1972 rose by 9.5%, a respectable figure when compared with other countries, and with figures for our own country for recent years: an increase of 2% over the figure for the previous year.

The rise in the available portion of the income of the self-employed and other sections was even greater. During the last two years, the rise in real wages rose by an almost insignificant amount. During the last three years, the rise was moderate, to the best of my knowledge, a modest 2% (average) in real wages.

At the end of January 1973, after we had signed a new agreement on the cost-of-living increase, most of the work force — the production branches and a large part of the service branches — had signed labour agreements. There remain an important part of the work force, groups of academics and other groups, that have not yet concluded their negotiations. I suspect that, in the immediate future, it will be necessary for the Central Committee, the Trades Union Department, and the Committee for Academics to give more of their attention to this subject, in order to prevent a labour dispute involving the Engineers — a group whose argument is to a certain extent, a key document for the agreements of other academic groups.

Even though it is difficult to reconcile widely differing views, we shall try to see that this group of professionals — engineers and engineering associates — which is essential to the economy, receive what is due to its within the framework of the accepted arrangements, and without upsetting the balance of the wage structure in the country. It is not a simple matter, but I think the employers, the workers, and the Histadrut have to make an effort to achieve success.

I want to bring up another matter — a change in the minimum wage. It is unnecessary to explain the subject in detail. The average wage in 1972 was IL780, and this rose to IL810 a month in 1973. Far from this rise, we wish to raise the level of the minimum wage in 1973 by means of negotiations with our partner, with whom we initially fixed the minimum wage, and we ask for a mandate from the Histadrut Executive to allow us to enter urgent discussions for this purpose.

I hope that, just as we managed about a year ago to raise child allowances by a significant amount, so this year we shall be able to obtain a significant rise at least in the allowance for large families.

These are the proposals which, together with the things established in the labour agreements and wage creep, should help in maintaining the cost of wages in the economy.

The danger of inflation to the economy and to the workers are great. It is for us, together with the Government, the employers, and all bodies with a say in the matter, to reduce these dangers and to overcome the difficulties facing us.

Z. STRAUCH (Gahal): I think we will all agree if I say that the maintenance of the real value of wages is the primary task of the Histadrut. The Histadrut will be judged on how it fulfils this task. If it succeeds, it will pass the test. If it does not succeed, it will fail the test. We shall not judge with fine words. We shall judge on the basis of tangible results.

Inflation ate the cost-of-living increase completely even before it was received by the workers, because inflation gallops on all the time, including during the "average" period.

Y. MESHEL — reply to Z. Strauch: The Executive relies on data provided by the Central Bureau of Statistics. These are reliable objective data. The Executive has changed its policy: it was previously the policy to have the cost-of-living increase paid before the "determining" month. We saw the need to change this, so that the determining month would have no influence, and we obtained agreement for the cost-of-living increase to be based on the annual average. When the increase was based on the determining month, it was possible to intervene and lower prices in that month. The annual average gives a more correct objective picture.

H. ZEIDEL (Ta'al): Great importance attaches, not only to the discussion being held here, but also to the setting up of a permanent body, jointly with the Government and the employers, in order to find a way to stabilize wages, prices, profits, and taxes.

Internal forces in the economy have brought about a different division of the national income, and this change has caused the workers to suffer and others to benefit. We all complain about inflation, but we know that the strong are becoming stronger and the weak, weaker; this is a clear sign of inflation in Israel, and of inflation in all other places.

The balance has now been upset, and even in the State budget prices are raised 12%. The calculation is very simple. If IL800 million are needed for subsidies, and the budget allows for IL600 million, prices will naturally rise IL200 million, which is 12%. If in the rise was forecast, and there was actually a rise of 14%, and if the forecast is now 12%, where will it end? It is important to hold discussions with all elements in the economy.

I want to say something to the workers: I know that it is possible to be very popular and to talk in only one style, but it seems to me that the deterioration in labour conditions in the economy are the result of two things: the first is inflation — here

Secretary-General's summing up and reply

We have today had the benefit of the active participation of workers' committees. We did not think that the members of the Executive, and representatives of the parties did not represent the workers, but we wanted a greater degree of cooperation between the appointed representatives of the workers and the haverim standing in the front line, at places of work, and we wanted to exchange views and achieve mutual understanding.

The clarification which has been held here, and which is being held between this organization and other groups in the State, demonstrates that we are, before everything, a democratic society. There are conflicting opinions on a problem, not because we do not believe in the same thing, nor because we are not devoted to the same cause and belong to the same party. It is not only the big parties — the small parties, such as the State List, also find themselves in dissension, and split up in the Knesset.

We cannot remove ourselves from the existing difference of opinion. This difference exists not between believers and non-believers, and not between workers and those who are not workers, nor between pioneers and those who are not pioneers, nor between doers and non-doers, nor between socialists and non-socialists. This is not the source of the dissension. Between people with the same beliefs, there is a difference of opinion on how to overcome inflation, and on how to fight it. This serious and open dissension is evident in the Knesset, in the political parties, in the Ma'arach, and in Gahal.

This dissension on several basic subjects will not end with this meeting. It will be with us tomorrow and the day after.

One thing is beyond all doubt: The meeting was called in order to recruit all workers, from all parties, all sections, and all trades, all of whom must unite with the Histadrut behind the programme for action and struggle, which the Central Committee brought to the meeting of the Histadrut Executive.

In this meeting, the Ma'arach has proposed to the Histadrut Executive and therefore to all workers in Israel, without exception — that we should unite behind a system of war and struggle, which we have clearly defined. And against this system, other systems of operation were put forward at this meeting. These systems were proposed in a legitimate and democratic manner by Gahal, Ma'ach, and other parties, and we must read and consider them. The proposals are not identical, and a decision must be made on which to adopt.

The proposal of the Central Committee, the dissension between us and the Government over a number of Government decisions is defined. And we call on the Executive and on the workers of Israel to help us in this fight. We disagree over price control. There has been a decision to break up and reduce the price-control setup. We propose that it should be restored to its former condition; not to break up, but to tighten up, extend the degree of control and intervention, and prevent anarchy.

There is disagreement over the wages situation in Israel, and the role of wages in inflation. We keep a check on the situation, and every one of you should read all announcements of the Government in a most serious manner. And up to today, including the clarification by the Movement that took place yesterday in another place, and in which I was sorry not to be able to participate — I have heard nothing on the decisive influence of accumulation of capital, the acquisition of riches, on interest, profiteering, conversion of foreign currency — all things that are called discoveries of Histadrut economists. They are not discoveries of economists, they are the discoveries of the delegates of Histadrut workers, those chosen by the public, not expert economists. We are proving that the Histadrut is not the wage earner, not the settler on the land, not working people who all maintained discipline in 1970, 1971, and 1972. Please do not let us regress about that. We call on you to continue this self-discipline. We want to rein in these galloping horses, the horses of inflation. We have done our part, and we claim that others should do their part, and this cannot be done without a change in Government policy.

The Histadrut Executive proposes to raise again with the Government, the employers, and all representative bodies in Israel the necessity of sitting down at one table in order to carry out a moral stock-taking. We do not want war between us and the Government or between us and the employers.

We want an organized economy, planned, responsible, and in line with the national objectives.

If the Government of Israel is willing and able, and if the manufacturers and employers are willing to sit with us at one table, in order to ensure economic stability and a fair wage for the workers, we will be the first to make the thing possible.

Our proposal contains a clear, moderate approach to all groups willing to sit with us and discuss a common policy. With the means available to the Histadrut — shoppers' strikes, the economic apparatus in the Trades Union Department, and workers' committees — we must fight to protect the worker's wage. And if the means we propose here do not produce the desired result, there are other means. In my opinion, we are here fulfilling a decisive mission for the people of Israel and for the security of Israel, and not merely for the narrow needs of the wage earner.

A campaign is also being pursued in the Knesset — against false packaging of products, and dishonest advertising. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has introduced a bill which has already received a second and third reading, with reservations expressed by Gahal. The Economic Committee, which was instrumental in introducing the bill, the Knesset, wishes to prevent all evasions weight and quality, and new prices.

After Ben-Aharon's speech, The Executive accepted by a majority vote the resolutions put forward by Central Committee (see box).

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653 KILLED — BUT ROAD DEATH RATE DROPS

Jerusalem Post Motoring Editor

A year the headquarters road safety set up within the Ministry 18 months ago its sessions to the Press. At its open meeting the chief headquarters, Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, read minutes of the year's activities. He said that the speed of the country's motorization has been fairly steady since the beginning of the 1960s. "The speed of this motorization has few precedents in the world," he said. He added that this fast transition becomes graphic when it is remembered that in 1951 there were 24 motor vehicles per 1,000 population, compared with over 100 in 1972.

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Mr. Ya'acobi said that if the present rate of increase in motor vehicles continues, there will be between 750,000 and 800,000 vehicles on the roads here by 1980. (Now there are — in round figures — 350,000 vehicles and 550,000 drivers moving on 10,000 kms. of road). He emphasized that the speed of the country's motorization has been fairly steady since the beginning of the 1960s. "The speed of this motorization has few precedents in the world," he said. He added that this fast transition becomes graphic when it is remembered that in 1951 there were 24 motor vehicles per 1,000 population, compared with over 100 in 1972.

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improvements and safety measures (the budget for 1973-74 is IL312m.). These included work on 320 intersections which had been found particularly dangerous. Work on 150 has been completed, 110 are still being worked on, and 60 are being examined to determine what changes are needed.

Broken down into cities, the Ministry invested the following amounts (contributions by the cities in brackets): Tel Aviv, IL65m. IL7m. Jerusalem, IL13m. (IL6m.); Haifa IL8m.; other municipalities, IL10m.

Mr. Ya'acobi stressed that "engineering solutions," as opposed to attempts to improve driver conduct, can easily be evaluated in "before and after" studies. Improving a dangerous section of road or supplying it with lighting can result in an immediate drastic drop in accidents, he said. Nevertheless, the Safety Headquarters has paid much attention to the education of drivers and pedestrians.

One of the most successful of these efforts was a competition between municipalities in which the town which made the greatest safety effort could win up to IL30,000 — to be used for a further safety project. Two such competitions were completed towards the end of the year, and many other towns have expressed their interest in further competitions. Mr. Ya'acobi said.

The Tel Aviv safety patrol is another bright spot, and it is planned to make it a permanent institution, in the other big cities also. Service programmes in schools and on television are to be expanded, Mr. Ya'acobi said. He is making special efforts to get a better viewing time for the TV films.

Without fanfare

An issue that was neglected last year — but will be stressed this year — is the speedy removal of injured persons after accidents. It is planned to spend IL2m. for laying telephone cables along main roads so that ambulances can be summoned within minutes after an accident. The Army and Magen David Adom are to cooperate in organizing a special ambulance service for which tests are to start in April.

Summing up the year 1972, Mr. Ya'acobi said that it was the first year in which the various safety efforts began to dovetail and show results. He was guardedly hopeful of better results in 1973.

Mr. Ya'acobi stressed the part the Police, the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents, the Public Works Department, the Army, and the various Ministries play in the overall effort at increasing road safety.

The Transport Ministry's Road Safety Headquarters is a non-public body, composed of officials from the various Ministries, the Police, Judiciary, Army, the National Safety Council and various research bodies. It is to be hoped that the "headquarters," which operates without much fanfare, will continue in its step-by-step advances against the stubborn enemy, the road accident, which so far has not been beaten by any country in the world.



The Tel Aviv Lions Club branch recently donated 160 rain capes to school children who took part in a campaign to teach safe walking to pedestrians. The capes are for use by the youngsters while on safety patrol duty near schools. In addition to offering protection against rain, the bright, light-colored capes are also visible from a great distance. (Left: Friedman)

Wearing of safety belts may become compulsory here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 60 to 70 per cent of the persons involved in bad road accidents can be saved from serious injury or death by using safety belts while driving, the Deputy Minister of Transport, Mr. Gad Ya'acobi, said yesterday.

"At present it is not compulsory to wear safety belts, but we are now weighing the possibility of making it so. It is compulsory for driving pupils and teachers to wear safety belts, and this month we have also made it obligatory for state employees using government cars."

Mr. Ya'acobi was speaking at the opening of a campaign to promote the use of safety belts. The campaign is being organized by the Ministry of Transport, the National

Road Safety Council and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Deputy Minister said that the Ministry of Transport was carrying out several programmes to increase road safety and lower the death toll on the roads.

The Ministry accepted a number of proposals recommended by a committee headed by Prof. Arthur Stoffer of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Technion. The proposals provided for a twin brakes system; collapsible steering wheels; external mirrors; and side blinkers. These accessories would be compulsory on the 1974 cars.

The Ministry was also looking into the possibility of making head rests on the front seats of cars obligatory in the new 1974 models.

Most Egged spare parts are made in Israel

MORE than half the spare parts needed to maintain Egged's fleet of buses are "made in Israel".

Egged spends about IL70m. annually in spare parts. Of this amount it is able to buy IL40m. worth from local manufacturers, Mr. Yosef Harari, of the Egged executive said last week. He was speaking at a party at the Acadia Hotel, given by the Association of Spare Parts Manufacturers, to Mr. Hayim Lichtenstein, for many years the co-operatives spare parts buyer.

Mr. Harari told the 70 assembled manufacturers that Mr. Lichtenstein, an Egged founder, had contributed greatly to the development of the spare parts industry in Israel.

Car importers and services garages will have to display lists showing the price of major repair jobs and the spare parts they involve. This was decided at a meeting of Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi and senior Ministry officials in Jerusalem last week. It was not announced when the new relations will go into effect.

It was also decided to investigate the feasibility of forcing repair shops to list on customers' bills the serial numbers of new spare parts they install. The new parts may also have to be marked with special identifying marks. The two measures would go a long way towards assuring customers they are getting

London gets a new kind of pollution

LONDON (Otas). — London is so full of motor vehicles that it is beginning to produce Los Angeles-type photochemical smog. Unlike conventional British smog, which has almost disappeared since the Clean Air Act of 1955, the photochemical smog occurs in high summer, when sunlight falls on air polluted by London's cars.

Scientists are concerned about a symptom of this kind of smog, high levels of ozone, which have been noted in the Covent Garden area of central London.

Ozone is an intensely poisonous, irritating gas, so even comparatively low levels are worth worrying about. At 112 parts of ozone to every 1,000 million parts of air, London's photochemical smog is only a fifth as bad as the most extreme Los Angeles conditions, but it may be sufficient to cause smarting eyes.

The observation that London has now joined Los Angeles, Tokyo and Rotterdam in generating photochemical smog was made at the government's Warren Spring Laboratory, which is responsible for monitoring British air pollution.

Vital to health

"The fact should be more widely accepted that highway engineering is as important to public health in the 20th century as was sanitary engineering in the 19th century."

Safety breakfast

People who eat a good, warm breakfast before driving to work in the morning, are less likely to have accidents on the way, medical researchers report.

A SUPERB CONCERT

"Meet The Soloists. From the Israel Chamber Ensemble. A programme of chamber music played by Itzhak Scharid, violin; Gad Leventhal, viola; Nissim Nishida, flute; Eli Heifetz, clarinet; Simeon Westbrock, bassoon; and Ruth Messer, harpsichord and piano. (Tel Aviv Museum, February 6) Earle: Sonata for Flute and Harpsichord in G minor; Mozart: Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano in E-flat major, K. 281; Villa-Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras No. 6 for Flute and Bassoon; Debussy: Sonata for Violin and Piano; Bartok: "Contrasts" for Violin, Clarinet and Piano.



THIS concert was an outstanding success, not only because all the items were jewels and most of the readings were perfect, but because performers and audiences were pleasantly relaxed. The musicians seemed to have come not only to do their duty, but to give delight in their achievements. The programme was arranged cleverly, offering a good deal of variation.

The Chamber Ensemble can be proud of these six soloists, each capable of such laudable achievements.

Although this was a concert of chamber music and all readings were the result of teamwork, some of the participants deserve special mention. Nissim Nishida, a Japanese flutist, is a fascinating musician who plays with a rare combination of concentration, composure and musical imagination. The Bach Sonata, accompanied flawlessly by Ruth Messer, was truly outstanding.

Another surprise was bassoon player Simeon Westbrock, who revealed a marvelous tone and most intelligent musical thinking. In Villa-Lobos' Bachianas Brasileiras No. 6, he and Nishida achieved an unusual blending of sound and the work was given an exciting reading.

A third musician who must be mentioned is Eli Heifetz. I had not heard him as a soloist for a few years and it was a pleasure to notice how much his musical thinking has deepened. In short — an hour and a half of inspired music-making. BENJAMIN BAR-AN

operatic phrases and a "hangover" from the Concerto Grosso form in the soloistic employment of the various instruments. Mr. Simon again displayed his fresh musicality and total commitment.

Argentinian guitarist Ernesto Bitetti used a microphone very discreetly to stand up against the loudspeaker was kept low so that the character of the guitar was not distorted. The young soloist gave a splendid display of his technical resources and musical abilities in solo passages and in dialogue with the orchestra. The two works, written about the same time (1939) but demanding different approaches, received dedicated and convincing interpretations.

Castellano-Tedesco's Concerto is rather lightweight, but is entertaining in its pleasant melodiousness. Rodrigo's work is, of course, Spanish-conditioned, and goes more into depth to create its atmosphere, which leaves a distinct impression on the listener. Cooperation was good, and a few clouded moments between soloist and orchestra passed quickly.

Ernesto Bitetti was warmly received, and expressed his thanks with a lovely piece by Hector Villa-Lobos. Regrettably, the artist was booked for only one solo recital, and this in Tel Aviv, of course. We hope to hear him again soon.

YOHANAN BOEHM

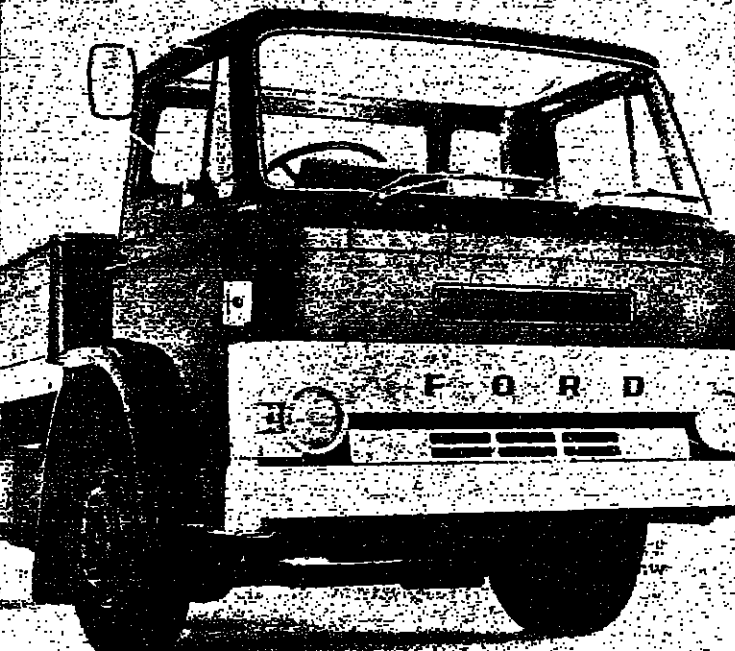
Kibbutz Artzi Choir

MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY — The Kibbutz Artzi Choir, directed by Maya Shavit and Arie Doron, the Hebrew University and Academy Choir, directed by Stanley Sperber and Tamir Rabinovitch, will perform at the Oranienstein Auditorium — February 8. Oranienstein Auditorium, 1900, Oranienstein, Tel Aviv. Tickets: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100. (Tel Aviv)

THE Kibbutz Artzi Choir is an experienced group and its 40 singers and their conductors are dedicated. Performances are balanced between old music and new.

The sound and quality of the choir could be fuller and richer, though precision and intonation are satisfactory. It is more lyrical under Maya Shavit, stronger and virile when Arie Doron is conducting.

Contrasting with the more tradition-bound and stricter training of the Kibbutz Artzi Choir, Stanley Sperber's students' choir lacks proper training and discipline but the 30 singers evidently enjoy singing for their own sake. Sound is not very polished or balanced, there is hardly any attempt at achieving a more artistic performance, and some pieces are definitely under-rehearsed. But it is nice to see so many youngsters singing and enjoying themselves, which is what counts in the end. On the other hand, some training (voice production, breathing exercises, etc.) would not hurt them. YOHANAN BOEHM



of the new Ford trucks — a nine-ton petrol engine model — being assembled by Automotive Industries Ltd. in Nazareth. (Reuters)

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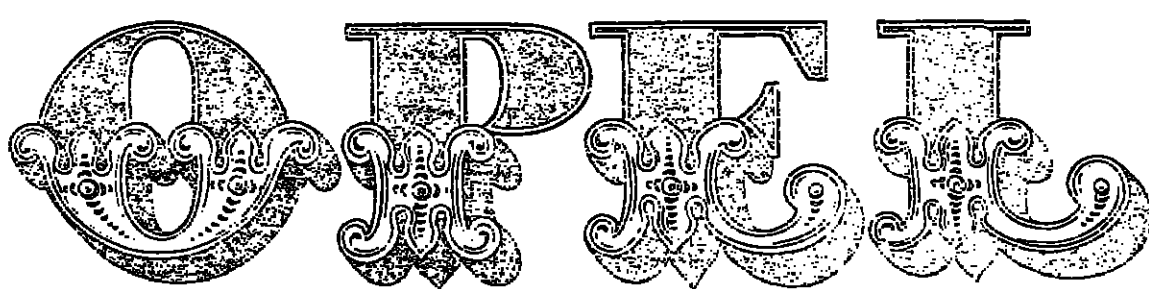
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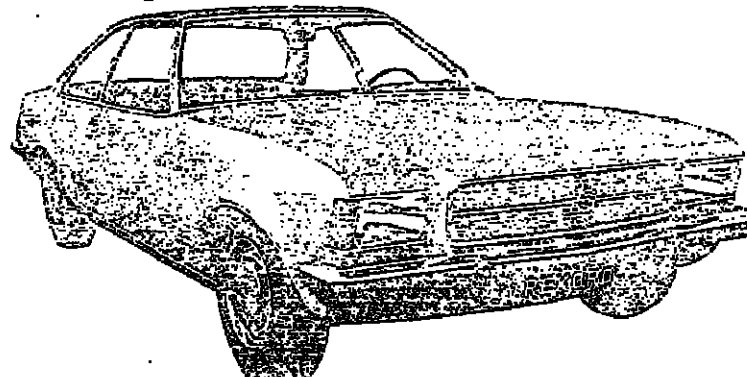


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Two boys are charged in fatal Paris school fire

PARIS. — A judge charged two 14-year-old boys yesterday with starting a fire in their school here which killed 22 schoolmates and a teacher. They could be sentenced to 10 to 20 years imprisonment.

Five other boys are being questioned, police said, but no decision on charges has yet been made. The principal investigator had been reprimanded at the school several times for unruly conduct, and they quoted him as saying to his friends: "If that's the way things are, I'm going to set the school on fire."

Judge Jean Sablayrolles formally charged the two boys with "voluntary arson resulting in death," judicial officials said. Since the boys are minors, their names have not been released. They are being detained in an observation centre.

The school, on Rue Edouard Belin in a working class district of Paris, burst into flames last Tuesday night, trapping children and a teacher who were taking an out-of-hours music class.

The blaze caused a public outcry and charges of poor construction. Most of the building was made of light, prefabricated material.

Police said they became suspicious when they questioned pupils and noticed some were nervous and others seemed to be covering up.

A boy then told investigators: "One of my friends started the fire."

Police said their inquiries revealed that the seven boys who took the school to see a movie "Alexander the Great" given at the school.

After the performance, one boy broke a downstairs window and splashed flammable spirit on chairs and walls while his friend stood at the door. The boy struck a match, then fled.

Police said the two boys did not apparently realize that the music pupils were in the school.

The five still being questioned knew what their conduct was doing but did not take part and said nothing to the police.

Education Minister Joseph Fontanet said yesterday "some obscure points" remained to be cleared up and the inquiry would be pursued. (Reuters, UPI)

Fire guts 400 houses in Thailand

BANGKOK (UPI). — A fire razed about 400 shops and houses and left 2,000 to 3,000 persons homeless on Saturday in the provincial town of Sakon Nakhon, 500 kms. north-east of Bangkok, police said yesterday. No deaths or injuries were reported.

The blaze started from a radio shop owned by a Vietnamese refugee, and spread quickly down the street destroying three small hotels, two bank offices and a theatre in the process, police said.

CHINESE SLIP QUIETLY INTO MALTA

VALLETTA (Gemlail). —

THE Chinese are coming to Malta, unostentatiously, in dribs and drabs and without any publicity, but welcome guests of the Government of Prime Minister Dom Mintoff. More are coming this month until an estimated 300 will be on this island. They are coming to help the Maltese Government in its quest to make the island economically viable and independent from the need of income from the lease of military bases.

Among them will be engineers and technicians who will help the Maltese Government build a dry-dock and quay capable of accommodating ships of 300,000 tons deadweight, a chocolate factory and a factory to make ornamental and artistic glass.

The projects will be financed from the £16.5m. interest-free loan China agreed to make available to Malta during Mintoff's visit to Peking 10 months ago.

The friendship between little Malta and the Communist giant of the East owes its beginnings to the dispute over the lease of Maltese bases to Britain in December, 1971. Mintoff had demanded from Britain and Nato £16m. a year for the bases. Britain refused to pay, but Nato, particularly Italy, feared that Malta would fall easy prey to the Soviet Union which has for long cast covetous eyes over the island, its sheltered harbours and airfields.

When an agreement was signed after three months of tortuous negotiations it was stipulated that the bases and other facilities would be barred to all members of the Warsaw Pact. China was never mentioned. Nobody imagined that anything like the agreement which followed a month later was possible. China was too far away to matter.

But she got there first. Hardly had the ink dried on the defence agreement at which Mintoff settled with Britain £14m. for seven years than Mintoff was off to Peking to meet Premier Chou En-lai. He spent a week there, cheered by thousands of school children with little Maltese and Chinese flags, feted by Chou and taken round the country while Malta and to some extent Britain and Nato waited and wondered what the visit was all about.

A month later, on April 26, 1972, Mintoff told a hushed House of Representatives, in which he has a one-seat majority, that China had agreed to lend Malta the £16.5m. interest-free loan, the agreement to become effective on May 1, 1972. The repayment is to be effected between May 1, 1984 and April 30, 1994. Only £1,693,000 is to be given in cash. The rest will be in the form of development projects provided by the Chinese Government, including the necessary equipment and technical assistance and the financing of the necessary local costs. Malta is to pay back not in cash but with commodities. A grateful Mintoff offered China four flour mills worth £61,000 when new.

Since then, the Chinese have not been much in evidence. They have sent a permanent ambassador, but he and his staff keep themselves very much to themselves.

The technicians and engineers though, will be very much in the public eye when the actual work begins. The dock they are to build will be one of the largest in the Mediterranean and is intended for some of the largest tankers loading oil from the nearby Libyan oilfields. Several observers doubt the value of such a large dock and quay, noting that not many ships of that size ply the Mediterranean. But it will certainly improve the chances of Malta dry-docks to make good.

The dockyard is about the only place where the Mintoff magic appears to have failed. In 15 months he changed 15m. to wipe off the debts which accumulated through losses as a result of almost continuous industrial actions in the past. He terminated the management of a British shipbuilding firm and put members of the General Workers Union hierarchy among the top management. Even so the dockyard will be about £2.5m. in the red by the end of the current financial year.

The other Chinese projects—chocolate factory and glass factory—have failed to rouse much enthusiasm. There is already a small glass factory on the island and unless there is a ready export market there is hardly room for two. The chocolate factory is expected to employ quite a number of people, but here again there is hardly enough export outlet for such a product.

It has been pointed out to the Government that the Chinese are agricultural experts, and that their assistance should have been channelled there. Malta produces only enough food for three months, but so many areas are crying for development that it is thought Malta could drastically cut its imports bill if they were put under cultivation.

Grivas offer on 'cease-fire'

NICOSIA (AP). — General George Grivas has temporarily and unconditionally suspended his underground military operations against Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios, sources close to the general said here yesterday.

The "cease-fire" will depend on whether the Archbishop, who has just been re-elected president for another five-year term, will seek an understanding with the general, the sources added.

Grivas will "hold his forces ready," however, if Makarios accepts a settlement of the Cyprus problem which does not provide for enosis—union with Greece—the sources said.



Two of the nearly 200,000 metalworkers who gathered in Rome on Friday to demand higher pay and long-sought social reforms. The two used cartoons to disguise themselves as robots. One here declares "Agneili (chairman of Fiat) wants us like this" and the other says "I'm not an absenteeist." (AP radiophoto)

Skull is Bormann's, says Berlin doctor

BERLIN (UPI). — Dr. Heinz Spengler, director of the West Berlin Institute for Forensic Medicine, said this weekend that a skeleton found here two months ago has been identified with "absolute certainty" as that of Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's "missing" deputy.

"There is no doubt it is Bormann," he said. "We have proved it beyond a shadow of doubt."

Dr. Spengler said he forwarded his report to Wilhelm Metzner, Frankfurt Public Prosecutor, who is in charge of the Bormann investigation. He said Metzner probably would publish it soon.

A half-shattered skull and a heap of bones have been undergoing scientific analysis for two months in a Berlin laboratory.

Dr. Spengler said the skeleton, found in the Leichter freight yard near the Berlin Wall by workers digging a ditch, had been identified through its teeth, measurements, skull shape, and a mended collar bone. Former Nazis testified after

the war they saw Bormann's body lying in the yard, an apparent suicide.

Dr. Spengler said he was forwarding his report to Wilhelm Metzner, Frankfurt Public Prosecutor, who is in charge of the search for Bormann.

The skeleton's teeth matched those in a sketch of Bormann's made from memory after the war by his dentist, Dr. Spengler said. He added Bormann broke his right collar bone in a fall from a horse in 1939 and the skeleton had such a mended break. The skeleton also fitted Bormann's height of 1.70 metres.

Dr. Spengler said he made a reproduction of Bormann's skull from old photographs and the reproduction matched the skull found here perfectly. There also were traces in the teeth of glass from what probably was a cyanide capsule of the type used by the top Nazis to kill themselves.

In Vienna, Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Document Centre, said that he cannot argue with Dr. Spengler's announcement but he is not prepared to close his file on Hitler's deputy just yet.

"It is a scientific announcement that Bormann has been 100 per cent identified then I cannot have an argument," But he added, "Spengler has made such an announcement before. It would be very good for me to close the Bormann file. It would save us a lot of money. But I am not sure I can do it yet because this announcement wasn't made in a very scientific way."

Europe talks break; little progress yet

HELSINKI (AP). — The 34-nation preparatory talks for the European security conference adjourned Friday for two weeks, in an atmosphere of slight disappointment.

However, both Western and Eastern diplomatic sources expressed their feelings as "a bit mixed," saying that progress was slow and that the talks had not achieved very much.

During the second phase which started on January 15, the participants agreed on one significant guideline — the four main subjects to be discussed in the European security conference.

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THE REMARKABLE LIZA MINNELLI

Cabaret (Feer, Tel Aviv), the new musical which opened on Thursday night with a special benefit show for the Israeli Cancer Association, is grand entertainment, due mainly to the remarkable performance of Liza Minnelli. Whether singing, dancing or acting, she absolutely rivets attention. At times she seems like a reincarnation of her mother, Judy Garland, especially when belting out a song. But she has her own individual personality, real magnetism, great charm and a funny face that is appealing.

As Sally Bowles, entertainer in a second-class cabaret in the Berlin of the early 'thirties, Liza Minnelli's enormous eyes are fringed by a forest of lashes and her nails are lacquered green. The character Sally is a mixture of a lost waif always dreaming of stardom and a knowing little go-getter with a messy sex life. She is disarming and lovable.

The film is based on the stage musical by Joe Masterhoff (music by John Kander) which was based on the play "I Am a Camera" by John van Druten. Van Druten's work was adapted from Christopher Isherwood's novel, "Goodbye to Berlin." The film divides itself between the drama of the relationship between Sally and Brian, a young Englishman who lives in the same boarding-house (very well played by Michael York), and a German aristocrat (Helmut Griem, giving a good performance), and the drama of nightclub life, with the cabaret scenes acting as a sort of commentary on the other action. At the same time the growing Nazi menace is felt in the background.

The plotting of the story is rather rambling. The introduction of a romance between Fritz (Fritz Wendel), one of Brian's pupils, and a wealthy young Jewess (Mia Boon) culminating in a Jewish wedding ceremony, detracts rather than adds to the story development. Joel Grey, co-starring with Liza Minnelli, is very good in his larger-than-life performance as the cabaret's master of ceremonies, a role he played in the stage version.

This is director Bob Fosse's second film (the first was "Sweet Charity") and it is an adult and stylish film which gives the chameleon a most enjoyable evening. S.W.

ALL ABOUT SEX

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex But Were Afraid to Ask (Mogral, Tel Aviv), shows the many-sided talents of Woody Allen, who directs and stars in this off-beat satirical comedy. He also wrote the screenplay, based on Dr.

At the Cinema

David Reuben's best-seller of the same name.

This highly sophisticated film shows great originality and range in style from slapstick to black comedy. But it will not be to everyone's liking. Some viewers will consider the piece in doubtful taste at times, with its extremely frank (if unorthodox) approach to various aspects of sex — even those generally considered taboo in the cinema. Two of the movie's half-hour episodes are dealt with in a most scientific fashion.

Woody Allen's dazzling comic talents, tinged with the bizarre, are seen in all but one of these episodes. Taken as a whole, his work in this film is certainly a tour de force, even if his ideas do not always come off. Rather wasted in small parts are Tony Randall, Lynn Redgrave, Anthony Quale and John Carradine.



Liza Minnelli

Thais deny Moslems are being suppressed

BANGKOK (Reuters). — The Thai Government has denied charges published in a Saudi Arabian journal that suppression of the Moslem population in southern Thailand had provoked them to rebellion.

An official statement broadcast over Radio Thailand Saturday night dismissed the charges in an Arabic language journal, "Islam World," as a "gross distortion of facts."

The radio said unrest among the Moslems in the southern provinces was caused by the drop in the price of rubber, on which they depended for their living, and by the criminal activities of bandit groups.

The bandits, who kidnapped innocent people and extorted protection money from them, were exploiting the difference of their religion from the majority Buddhists in the country, the radio added.

More than 700 armed Moslem

guerrillas, described as bandits by Thai officials, call themselves the "National Liberation Front of Pattani Republic." They are fighting for secession of southern provinces, populated by nearly one million Moslems, from the rest of Thailand.

Saturday's radio announcement stressed that the Thai Government had used only the police and not military forces in suppressing the bandits.

"The government recognizes the southern problems and has laid down plans for development of Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat provinces to raise them to the same economic level as in other provinces," the announcement said.

The radio said the government supported and protected the Moslem religion although Buddhism is the state religion and added that "no attempts had been made to suppress other religions in Thailand."

The violence increases in Los Angeles

1,000 MURDERS A YEAR

By CHARLES FOLEY

LOS ANGELES (Ofns). —

THE upward curve of violence in Los Angeles revealed by newly-released figures for 1972 is bringing city leaders, police chiefs and schoolteachers together in a new effort to deal with the crime problems of this smoggy, mixed-up metropolis. The homicide rate in Los Angeles County — a racial mixture of seven million people, often described as 40 suburbs in search of a city — has surpassed the previous year's figures by almost 20 per cent.

Some 1,000 murders have been committed here in the past 12 months, many of them, says County Coroner Thomas Noguchi, "just senseless, merciless, vicious crimes, often against young people. A stranger walking down the street kills someone for no apparent reason. It happens like a bolt of lightning."

Rape, robbery, schoolyard terrorism — all the statistics are rising in a wave of violence that is making law and order a major issue in this year's mayoral elections. Most of the experts have a pet reason for the increase: the increase in the number of young people, mostly from the inner city, who are flocking to the city for a better life. They are flocking to the city for a better life. They are flocking to the city for a better life.

Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis puts the sinner on California's probation subsidy programme, which is designed to keep convicts

out of prison by giving a \$4,000 subsidy to county administrations who avoid sending men to state prisons. The idea is to take the heavy financial burden of incarceration off the state. To get the money a county may either keep a convicted man in its own small local jail or put him on probation. Most choose probation. "I call it blood money," says Mr. Davis, who accuses the state of "putting violent felons on the street" by offering these monetary incentives. Even when no subsidy is involved, the police chief blames lenient judges and probation officers for the crime rise. His office are filled with "a sense of total frustration" at having to handle the same offenders over and over again.

The black ghettos of south and central Los Angeles are worst hit by a new wave of gang violence and classroom mayhem. Mr. Sidney Thompson, principal of Crenshaw High School, says this issue is no longer learning but survival. His school has been labelled "Fort Crenshaw" because it has been enclosed by high steel fences with locked gates. Armed guards patrol inside.

Teachers cite an endless series of futile acts of violence. A boy of 17, stabbed to death in San Francisco because he laughed at a classmate who lost a game of dominoes. Eight-year-olds robbed of their lunch money at knife point. An honour student fatally stabbed by a gang in Los Angeles whose chief occupation is stealing leather jackets. In one month Los Angeles officials and school guards gathered more than 40 guns from students; an end-of-term school parade turned into a shootout that

left five students, including the girl leader of the parade, wounded.

There are a score of gangs in the ghetto areas, with names like the Crips, the Bounty Hunters, the Exterminators, the Acey Duceys, all warring with each other and often within themselves. Sociologists say they fall into three classes: social gangs of tough neighbourhood kids, hanging together because they live near one another; delinquent gangs, which exist only to rob; and the violent ones, who get an emotional kick and a release from frustration out of terrorizing others.

The situation is little different in other cities around the country. New York is notorious for youth gang violence; but Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco all report similar problems. In Miami alone, during 1972, there were nearly 1,000 assaults on students and teachers.

Police action, everyone agrees, can be only a short-term answer. There must be a greater civic effort to channel the energies of the gangs in positive directions, says Mr. Celest King, chairman of the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission. Attempts to do this are being made by a variety of organizations, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), Operation Breadbasket, the Urban League and many more.

But their efforts are a drop in the bucket for a city that has abandoned most of the educational and recreational programmes started after the Watts riots of 1965, and now has a black unemployment rate for non-school-going teenagers of 82 per cent.

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Peace: Slower than it looks

OPTIMISTIC statements on the prospects of peace have been coming at intervals from the U.S. and from a series of Western official and semi-official visitors to Cairo and Amman. Lord Caradon, the British originator of U.N. Resolution 242, now in Israel in the course of a visit to the Middle East, has expressed the same view. He said, in particular, that King Hussein's attitude seemed to him promising. Yet every time a public and official view on the situation is expressed it is at best resigned to further deadlock, and at worst, openly belligerent.

The impression is gained that in each case the Arab rulers have given private assurances that they are now anxious to avoid further fighting and would endeavour to reconcile themselves to Israel's existence, if they could first be assured that their former borders would be restored.

When President Sadat talks to British ex-Premier Wilson, does he add "and the Jewish and Palestinian states also restored"? To restore rights should not be an insuperable problem — though Lord Caradon has pointed out that he sees the demands of the Palestinians as the most difficult to satisfy.

As Sadat uses the phrase about rights, it has the meaning given to it by Yasser Arafat, and stands for the ending of Israel's sovereignty, and such territorial reorganization as is needed for the Jews of Israel to be forced into the position of a minority.

Even if Israel were to withdraw to the 1967 borders — not in Jerusalem, of course — it is unlikely that Arafat could put his somewhat nebulous plan into effect either now or in the immediate future under present conditions in Jordan. But if he were to overthrow King Hussein, which is not a totally fanciful notion, particularly if Israel were to withdraw from the West Bank and allow the Patah to build up a strong base there, then the Jordanian army could be back within shelling distance of Jerusalem in a matter of months or weeks. No Israel government could accept any form of assurance that this will not happen other than the assurance provided by the small number of Israeli troops stationed at the Jordan, with the possibility of bringing in reinforcements without delay.

There has been a form of dialogue with Jordan and it could be developed to cover many outstanding difficulties, including those of the Moslem Holy Places in Jerusalem. It will be able to proceed only very slowly as long as King Hussein insists that he is unwilling for any separate or partial agreements with Israel. Egypt now appears to have finally rejected the idea of a partial or interim agreement which could have opened the Suez Canal and paved the way for further agreement, if only because Sadat's position is too precarious. But even the present degree of talking is better than any degree of shooting.

PAKISTAN MAY HAVE 'NEW BANGLADESH'

By JOHN K. COOLEY
TEHERAN. — Southern Asia's next breakaway nationalist movement — a new Bangladesh — may be brewing in Baluchistan, astride the Pakistan-Iranian border, according to experts of Muhammad Reza Shah Pahlavi's Government.

They believe that the Soviet Union, in its desire to outflank its Asian rival, China, will covertly encourage Baluchistan's "liberation" from Pakistan and, ultimately, from Iranian rule too, just as it encouraged secession of Bangladesh from Pakistan in 1971.

U.S. diplomats here are not yet convinced, despite a growing mass of evidence. Some here, who believe Baluchistan will be the Indian Ocean's next major trouble spot, also believe that India might join the Soviet Union in building up the still virtually unknown Baluchi nationalist leaders. This, they argue, would give both Moscow and New Delhi more outlets towards the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean, to supplement those they won through the defeat of Pakistan and the establishment of Bangladesh in December, 1971.

The Shah has frequently told visitors that Iran would react energetically if Pakistan were threatened with internal breakdown. He last conferred with Pakistan President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto on January 16-18. Their



advisers said afterward that Pakistan-India relations, following the Simla peace agreement of last July, and Pakistan's difficulties in recognizing Bangladesh, were discussed. On January 28, news agencies reported briefly from Quetta, capital of Pakistan's part of Baluchistan, that Pakistan Government troops were pursuing a force of "up to 500 Baluchi rebels" into mountains not far from the Iranian border.

Baluchistan is mainly a barren land of deserts and volcanic mountains. In the new \$32,000m. Iranian five-year development

plan, which starts this year, Teheran is tardily trying to catch up with the neglect of past governments in providing roads, schools, jobs, and houses for Baluchistan. There are perhaps a million Baluchis on either side of the Pakistan-Iranian border, and more in southern Afghanistan, mainly nomads and poor farmers — are Sunni (orthodox) Moslems, unlike Persians who belong to the Shia, the other great community of Islam.

There are also today some islands of Baluchi-speaking people in Iran's north-eastern province of Khorassan, also poor and underdeveloped, but which is developing faster than Baluchistan.

However, the largest number of Baluchis live in Pakistan. President Ali Bhutto's native province of Sind. The Baluchi nationalist organization there is the Baluchi Mujahida Mahaz (United Baluchi Front), led by Mubashir Hassan Kesrani. Some observers think he may be a possible candidate to become the "Sheikh Mujibur Rahman" (the Bangladesh nationalist leader and chief of state) of the Baluchis.

A rival Baluchi organization exists among the 50,000 or more Baluchis working in the Persian Gulf emirates, especially in Dubai and the sultanate of Oman: the World Baluchi Organization, led by Qulfat Nazim. His headquarters is in Baghdad, where the

A large cache of Soviet arms found in the Iraqi Embassy in Islamabad, in Pakistan, on Sunday. A correspondent described the struggle of the Baluchistan for separation from Pakistan — and the influence of other countries in this

Iraq Ba'athist regime backs radical nationalist movements in the Gulf. Many of the Baluchis now fighting Omani guerrillas in the British-occupied enclave of Gwadar, on the Indian coast of Pakistan. Gwadar was Omani rule until 1968.

Another ethnic group is the Brahui Central Pakistani Baluchistan. They working more and more closely with Baluchi and Pathan (or Pushtun) nationalist movements, all of which demand autonomy or secession from the central Pakistan government in Islamabad, in Pakistan's dominant province of Punjab.

Members of the Baluchi organization privately use the Baluchi argument for justification for the huge buildup of military and naval forces in the Persian Gulf and the establishment of naval bases, at Chah Bahar and near the Indian Ocean.

"The military regime in Pakistan caught unawares by the Bengali move before 1971," says one of the Baluchi visers. "They simply didn't take it enough until it was too late. We have made up for lost time by being quick ourselves: that we won't need to rely on any big power when the crunch comes." (Christian Science Monitor)

FOREIGN PRESS

Warning on Czechoslovak gestures

The New York Times said yesterday that the Czechoslovakian government is seeking to improve relations with the West, especially the U.S. and West Germany, but urged caution against what it said might be a political trick.

"Some Western correspondents are being permitted to visit Czechoslovakia," Mr. Husak himself received a group of U.S. senators who visited Prague late last year, and there are reports that formal U.S.-Czechoslovak talks have begun. Prague is apparently holding out as bait the conclusion of a consular convention, a cultural and scientific exchange agreement, and a final settlement of all the financial claims arising from post-World War Two nationalization.

"For millions of Czechs and Slovaks, any active moves by the U.S. to improve relations at this time — when many persons are in jail for their views and thousands have been denied the right to practise their professions for the same reason — would look suspiciously like retroactive approval of what happened in August 1968 (the Soviet occupation). We see no reason to hurry to oblige Mr. Husak."

Pakistani prisoners

The fate of the prisoners held since the Indo-Pakistan war over Bangladesh is discussed by the Sunday Times in London. It says that more than 117,000 prisoners of war have been held hostage, 93,000 of these being Pakistanis who were taken prisoner when Pakistan's Eastern Army surrendered. Pakistan is holding 24,000 Bengali members of the Pakistan Armed Forces, apparently hostages for their own soldiers in India.

"These unhappy groups have become pawns in a stalemate that must be broken. All manner of efforts by friendly countries like Britain, and by the U.N. Secretary-General in Asia last week, have so far failed to break the impasse. Even an earlier agreement to exchange women and children has stalled.

"Humanity calls for urgent action, but someone has to make the first move. Who is it to be? Both Sheikh Mujib and President Bhutto would enhance their standing as statesmen if one or the other, or the two simultaneously, made that move."

KEEPING POSTED

WE stepped off for a moment in Rehov Lillienblum in Tel Aviv. Not with an eye to business, just to see whether there seemed to be any excitement about the money market. The Eternal City may be the centre of the world, but it takes financial crises in stride because people don't have much money.

In Lillienblum we were delighted actually to meet somebody we know. He said that in Europe, during the war years, his family had been able to hang onto a few gold coins. After the war he and a brother had converted their joint share of three coins into dollars because gold coins were for old women to hide in a stocking; dollars were the real thing. His dollars had been used up in two minor financial crises, but he had kept the last ten for luck. Now he had decided that dollars have ceased being lucky and was going to get rid of them and see whether his own finances improved. He looked rather sad and solemn, as befits a man who has abandoned a lifetime's faith in a myth.

BRASILIA is a very interesting city with very remarkable architecture, the work of Professor Niemeyer, said one of the Brazilian guests at the dinner given last week by Foreign Minister Eban for the visiting Brazilian Foreign Minister, Mr. Mario Gibson Barboza. He was Mr. Oswaldo Aranha Jr., son of the late Oswaldo Aranha who was President of the U.N. in 1947 when the resolution for a Jewish state was passed, and for whom a new building at the Weizmann Institute was being named. "The buildings are altogether original, and the streets are so very wide," Would he like to live there? No, he thought. "The streets are so wide and the buildings are spaced out so generously that distances in the city are very large and you must drive, it is too far to walk. And so you do not really see anything. And we Brazilians, we like corners, to meet and talk. There are no corners at all in Brasilia. Now, here, in Jerusalem, you have things I like about the city."

Later, while Mr. Barboza was speaking about what he had seen in Jerusalem, but also on the contribution to Brazilian life and culture of the Brazilian Jews, Mr. Aranha tapped us urgently on the shoulder. "Listen! I have never heard him speak so emotionally before! You see, that is the effect of Jerusalem!" Mr. Eban had just observed that 300 countries the size of Israel could be accommodated in Brazil, and still leave plenty of room for people to move about, setting us to wonder, as so often, about the geographically disproportionate amount of interest this country's past is able to evoke.

AT a forest dedication ceremony the previous day commemorating 150 years of Brazil's independence, arranged by the Keren Kayemeth, Mr. Barboza planted the forest's first saplings. He turned to the Keren Kayemeth president, Mr. Jacob Tsam, saying, "Israel has a great empire of 100 million trees — a green empire. This is a type of imperialism I am prepared to support."

BEHAVIOURAL researchers have discovered that in addition to the sexual drive there is also a partnership instinct in the animal world that causes the formation of marriage-type bonds. The grey geese, for instance, are promiscuous but faithful in his own manner. "There only remains the suspicion that this could be low-intensity sexual behaviour. But this too is impossible. Every male copulates with every available female willing to mate. He copulates more with strange females than with his own partner. After copulating with his own partner, the male remains by her side. After copulating with a strange female however, he returns to his partner." And she doesn't even cook.

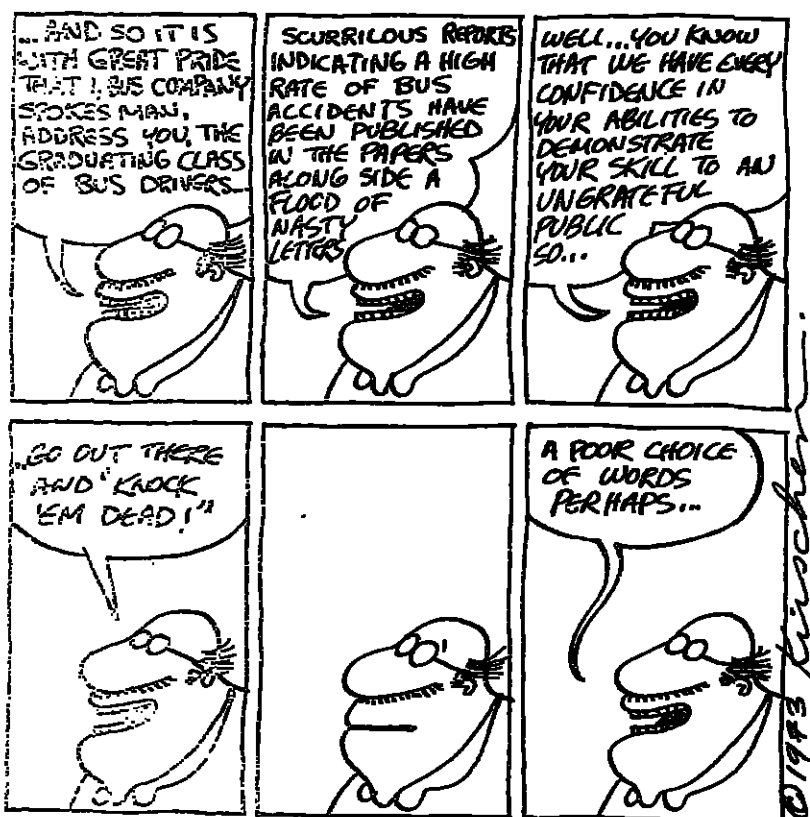
Liechtenstein women don't get the vote

VADUZ (Reuters). — The men of the tiny principality of Liechtenstein decided in a national referendum yesterday to deny women the right to vote.

Eligible male voters in Liechtenstein, which is sandwiched between Switzerland and Austria, total 4,395. Unofficial results of the weekend referendum showed that 1,475 voted for the right of women to have the vote following Switzerland's example two years ago, but 2,128 voted against, winning a "no" majority of 453.

If the vote had gone the other way, 4,331 women would have been enfranchised and they would have outnumbered male voters in the principality by 136.

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'No map drawn by 242'

Devar (Histadrut): "Lord Caradon's statement, that Security Council Resolution 242 drew no maps and was designed to lead to negotiations without prior conditions, fully confirms Israel's position. His statement also proves that the Prime Minister was justified in saying that she would not be bringing any new ideas to Washington, since there was nothing wrong in Israel's old ideas for securing peace."

Omer (Histadrut): "Lord Caradon's statement should carry a lot of weight in our political propaganda, since it confirms that even the Security Council did not insist that Israel return to the previous borders."

Ha'aretz (non-party): "The Egyptians are seeking a way to evade a partial settlement under American auspices, which is why they are trying to return Dr. Jarring to the arena. It seems that the Soviets do not oppose such a move. However, the Egyptians and Soviets should know that Israel will not agree to a renewal of Dr. Jarring's mission, unless he drops his insistence on Israel's withdrawal to the old mandatory border. Lord Caradon's statement, that the drafters of Security Council Resolution 242 would have erred had they attempted to draw a map, strengthens our position on this issue."

Al Hanihmar (Mapam), noting that despite Moscow's sympathy for the Egyptian position against a partial settlement, she did not totally reject the American initiative, adds: "At the same time, the expression of sympathy for the Egyptian position, insisting on an overall settlement in the spirit of the Soviet Union's interpretation of Resolution 242, will not contribute to breaking the deadlock."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) on King Hussein's visit to Washington: "The gap between King Hussein's and Israel's positions cannot be bridged by mere words. Only if King Hussein proves more realistic, will it be possible to hold talks with him on a settlement."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) says the Arabs have not succeeded in bringing political pressure to bear via the oil they market. In the long range, the paper foresees the industrial countries attempting to control the sources of energy in the Arab countries, so as not to be dependent upon the Arab rulers.

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CALL FOR ICE-SKATING RINK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to your article, "Yetta and Alexander want an ice-rink" (January 30), I would like to say that Debbie and Martin and Laura and Esther also want an ice-skating rink in Israel. We each have a pair of ice skates we're yearning to use stuck away in the bottom of our closet since our immigration in July, 1971. We've heard rumors that a hotel in the planning stage is setting aside space for a rink. It certainly would offer Israelis, and Israeli youth in particular, something to do in the evening besides TV and the movies, both quite sedentary pastimes. A skating rink would also provide a healthy alternative to the discotheque. Moreover, if an Olympic size rink were available, the possibility of ice hockey may be of interest to the local sports organizations.

I think the time is ripe to form an ice-skating association of all Haifa, January 30.

Mrs. ESTHER R.S. SOHLBERG
19 Steiner St.
Kiryat Bialik, January 30.

Sir, — I am not in the chess ship class of Yetta and Alexander but I liked to skate in my youth. Czechoslovakia, and all the years I have lived in Israel, I have been practicing this sport again and again.

YARDENA CHEN
Hazorea, February 1.

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